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breathe it,
And reflect it from the
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so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

Student recovering after bicycle accident

by Cristen Sargent '01
SENIOR EDITOR

After a severe bicycle accident landed a first-year student in intensive care, the student was flown Wednesday to a rehabilitation center near her home outside Chicago.

Hamilton community members overwhelmed Carlin (Carly) Mallman and her parents with support and encouragement in the days following the accident, according to Assistant Dean of Students Karen Green.

Mallman, of Winnetka, Ill., was riding her bike down College Hill Road Aug. 24 and didn't realize the sidewalk gave way to steps before the Bristol Campus Center driveway. She lost control of her bike and fell, according to a campus safety incident report. A witness called 911 from a cell phone and Mallman was rushed to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Utica, said Patricia Ingalls, director of campus safety.

Suffering from severe head trauma, Mallman's condition stabilized and was later moved to the pediatric unit. She then flew via medical transport Wednesday at 3 p.m. from Oneida County Airport into Midway, outside of Chicago. Her parents and a nurse were also on board. Mallman will recover at an inpatient rehabilitation center.

Green and Flossie Mitchell, dean of students, are in daily contact with Tom and Sandra Mallman. The couple had just returned home from bringing Carly to Hamilton when they received word of the accident and immediately headed back. Green was on call the evening of the accident (one dean is on call 24 hours a day to deal with just this sort of emergency).

Mallman's hospital room was filled with gifts, flowers, and a huge card signed by her class.

"There was an overwhelming outpour of concern from the entire community," Green said. "The Mallmans were pleasantly surprised at how wonderful, loving and warm the campus was, especially when Carly was so new to this community. She had made some connections."

Dawn Woodward, faculty secretary, cooked a spinach quiche for the Mallmans and Kris Paap, instructor in sociology, visited her in the hospital and sent a goodie basket. Her Adirondack Adventure group also visited.

"If there is one message that Sandra and Tom Mallman im-

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Wanted: Mayor of Utica

by James P. Du Vernay '03
NEWS WRITER

New York State's highest court is expected to decide by today whether or not to hear a case that would decide the proper procedure the City of Utica must follow in order to fill the vacant position of mayor. The Court of Appeals' decision should restore order to what has been a very eventful political scene this summer in Utica.

The origins of the case date to early July. On Monday, July 3, Mayor Edward Hanna announced his resignation in a news release, citing an existing heart condition that had recently deteriorated. Timothy Julian, the president of Utica's Common Council, assumed the position of mayor.

The city's corporation counsel, John Dillion, declared on July 5 that the city charter entitled Julian to complete the remaining three-and-a-half-years of Hanna's term without having to face election. Julian, the 35-year-old Republican running mate of Hanna, had only held public office since January.

The controversy stemmed from two opposing interpretations of the section of the Utica city charter that addresses the procedure for replacing the mayor upon his or her resignation.

The Common Cents Property Owners Association of Utica immediately began questioning the legitimacy of Dillion's pronouncement. Frank Vescera, president of the group, believes the charter requires a new formal election to be held in the next general election.

"We are a non-partisan group and have never officially endorsed a political candidate, but we are very concerned with the process, not Tim Julian personally," said Vescera.

Common Cents considers Dillion's interpretation suspect, because as the corporate counsel Dillion is an employee of the mayor.

Versera added, "We feel it is a circumvention of an open process

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Fire ignites concern in Milbank residents

by Greg Ernstrom '01
NEWS EDITOR

Less than a week into the new school year, Campus Safety had to evacuate Milbank. The dorm with a reputation as rich as Dennis Rodman on amphetamines was evacuated in the early evening hours on Aug. 28, not as the result of an out-of-control fraternity party, but because of a small fire on the third floor. The combined efforts of several Campus Safety officers and the Clinton Fire Department quickly contained and extinguished the fire before it could spread.

Authorities believe that the fire started when a pile of clothing ignited after prolonged contact with the light bulb in a closet of Milbank 38E.

The fire was extinguished, but the controversy had just begun. The day following the fire, Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz from the office of Residential Life, released an email thanking both Campus Safety and the Clinton Fire Department for their efforts. Less than 24 hours later Karl Bressler '01 responded with a humorous yet scorching email of his own that blasted both Campus Safety and Residential Life. Bressler, who was at the scene of the fire, claims that he could have put out the fire had Campus Safety allowed him to use the hall fire extinguisher.

According to Bressler's email: "If the Campus Safety officer on the scene had simply let me spray the fire extinguisher in the closet, everyone involved would have been saved much anxiety [and] aggravation."

Kantrowitz stated that she was unaware that a Campus Safety officer had ordered Bressler out of the building. Kantrowitz has tried to contact Karl about the incident but has been unsuccessful up to this point.

PHOTO BY CHRIS LAROSA '03

Fire fighters put out a small fire in Milbank on Aug. 28.

Bressler's email continued, "What we, in Milbank 38, now have to show for [the fire] is $100 worth of laundry that had to be done, sooty chairs and desks, and mildewy carpets from the standing puddles in our hall left by a few hundred over-zealous Clinton volunteers setting off 'waterbombs' in our hallway."

Despite its humorous tone, Bressler's email brought forth a serious charge, namely that the light bulb fixtures in the suites are a fire hazard. Kantrowitz replied that Physical Plant has recommended that "the college look into replacing the closet light bulbs with covered florescent units much like the ones found in Dunham." She also recommended that students living in rooms with uncovered light bulbs leave adequate space around these fixtures.

Patricia Ingalls, head of Campus Safety, was unavailable for comment.

Hamilton takes a hit in latest rankings

College drops three spots to 21st in nation

by David Zane '02 and
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
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MANAGING EDITOR

The *U.S. News and World Report* rankings, the most highly regarded college rankings, rated Hamilton 21st in the national liberal arts colleges category for 2001. Finishing just ahead of Hamilton in a tie for 19th were Bates College and Colby College. This represents a drop of three spots for Hamilton, which was in a three-way tie for 18th last year.

Despite the slip in the rankings, President Eugene Tobin said, "We are a stronger institution than we were a year ago."

Tobin went on to say that Hamilton must measure itself by internal standards such as strategic planning and the new science facility. If we manage according to the rankings, then we lose sight of where we need to be.

Hamilton's drop is not as significant as it appears. The overall score remained the same, at 82 out of a possible 100 points. Among the categories that saw the largest drop were: top 10% in high school class (a 5% drop) and selectivity rank (dropped seven spots). Hamilton did improve in a few key categories such as faculty resources, financial resources, and alumni giving.

Reputation rank, which counts for the largest portion of the survey at 25%, is also the

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Painter dies after fall

Syracuse resident suffers fatal injuries while working at the former Alpha Delta Phi house

by Cristen Sargent '01
SENIOR EDITOR

An employee of a contracted company who fell from a ladder Aug. 19 while working on the Samuel Eells House died four days later at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Utica.

The employee, Ernesto Ramos of Syracuse N.Y., was painting an outside dormer of the former Alpha Delta Phi fraternity house atop a 30-foot ladder held by a coworker. Ramos lost his balance and fell to the brick patio below. Another worker called 911, and Ramos was transported to St. Elizabeth's.

He died the morning of Aug. 23.

Ramos was an employee of Liberty Painting Co. of Syracuse, who was subcontracted by the Pike Corporation. Pike is the construction company responsible for the renovation of the building.

He was buried Saturday in Guatemala, his country of origin.

Mike Azzolino, owner of Liberty Painting, said he believed no legal action would follow this incident. Neither Hamilton College nor Liberty Painting was at fault.

"This was just a horrible, freak accident," Azzolino said.

He is in daily contact with Ramos' family.

Azzolino did say that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is conducting an investigation. It is OSHA standard policy to investigate any work site where a fatal injury occurred.

Ron Williams, an OSHA

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Rankings unkind to Ham.

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most subjective. In determining a school's reputation rank, *U.S. News* sends out surveys to every college and then asks that college's officers to rank schools by the quartile.

Hamilton lags behind its peer institutions in the reputation rank category. Out of a possible score of 5.0, Hamilton received a 3.8. (The highest score given was 4.8). Every school ranked above Hamilton with the exception of one, received a score of 4.0 or higher.

The key to this aspect of the rankings is to make sure that every college president in the category has heard of Hamilton.

According to Director of Communications Mike Debraggio, "We try and put stuff in front of college presidents and deans that we think will make them appreciate our faculty."

In other words, Hamilton tries to raise visibility with substantive material rather than just sending generic letters pleading with colleges to rank Hamilton first.

Although Hamilton is perceived by many in the academic field to be one of the premier liberal arts colleges in the country, the school is hurt by its poor name recognition. Many seasoned veterans in the higher education field tend to be more familiar with schools that have "names" such as Wesleyan, Bates, and Colby. Hamilton has fought hard to make substantial gains in that area, but there is still a lot of room for improvement.

Other characteristics that count toward a school's overall score are graduation and retention rates (20%), faculty resources (20%), student selectivity (15%), financial resources (10%), alumni giving (5%) and graduation rate performance (5%).

There are two schools of thought on the matter of rankings. Some consider the rankings nothing more than a marketing ploy by *U.S. News*, while others argue they are an accurate indicator of colleges and universities around the nation. Professor of Anthropology Doug Raybeck believes that the rankings are more a marketing gimmick than anything else.

"They are meant to be helpful, but all standardized tests have flaws," said Raybeck. "Hamilton cannot afford to ignore the rankings and neither can other institutions...the real meaningfulness [of the rankings] is exceedingly limited."

It is no secret that Hamilton has worked hard since 1994 to improve its standing in the rankings. Dean of Admissions Rit Fuller was hired that year for a number of reasons, but one of the most important was to improve the quality of applicants. Hamilton realized it needed to become more selective in its admissions policies and also appeal to students who were opting for other New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) schools such as Williams, Amherst, and Middlebury.

In relation to the eleven schools in the NESCAC, Hamilton finished ahead of only Trinity College (in Hartford, Conn.) and Connecticut College (in New London, Conn.). Tufts University was ranked in the Top 50 national universities because it is not considered a liberal arts college.

However, as Tobin was quick to point out, the rankings are fairly subjective. He stated that one of the most important points to consider about the rankings is that, "It helps [U.S. News] sell magazines."

Student continues to recover from bike accident

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pressed upon me, it was their unqualified appreciation for the warmth, sensitivity and friendship that everyone in the Hamilton and Clinton community shared with them," said President Eugene Tobin. "This community embraced Carly and her parents in a warm, supportive hug, and now we look forward to her complete recovery and return to campus."

Tom Schwarz, former acting president and trustee, referred the Mallmans to a neurologist. Steve Bellona, director of the physical plant, and his wife Kris invited the Mallmans to stay with them, but they opted for a room in the Bristol Campus Center. Cards and phone calls came into the Dean of Students office from all over campus.

Green said that Carly's parents have been especially impressed with President Tobin, who made multiple visits to the hospital. This said to them, according to Green, that Carly had made the right choice in a college.

Green passed on the following message on behalf of Carly's parents: "Gene Tobin and Flossie Mitchell have become our very best friends. We never would have thought, after hearing President Tobin and others give welcoming remarks during orientation, that we would ever get to know so many [college officials] on an intimate level."

According to Green, Carly plans to return to campus as soon as she's able, but it's too soon to know when that would be.

Green said that although this accident is an unfortunate tragedy, there is one bright spot — the response of the Hamilton community.

"For me, it was Hamilton at its best."

Aurelius Henderson, program counselor in the Higher Education Opportunity Program, is looking for a Hamilton student to volunteer to take a Utica middle school student to his art lessons on Saturday mornings. Please contact him at:
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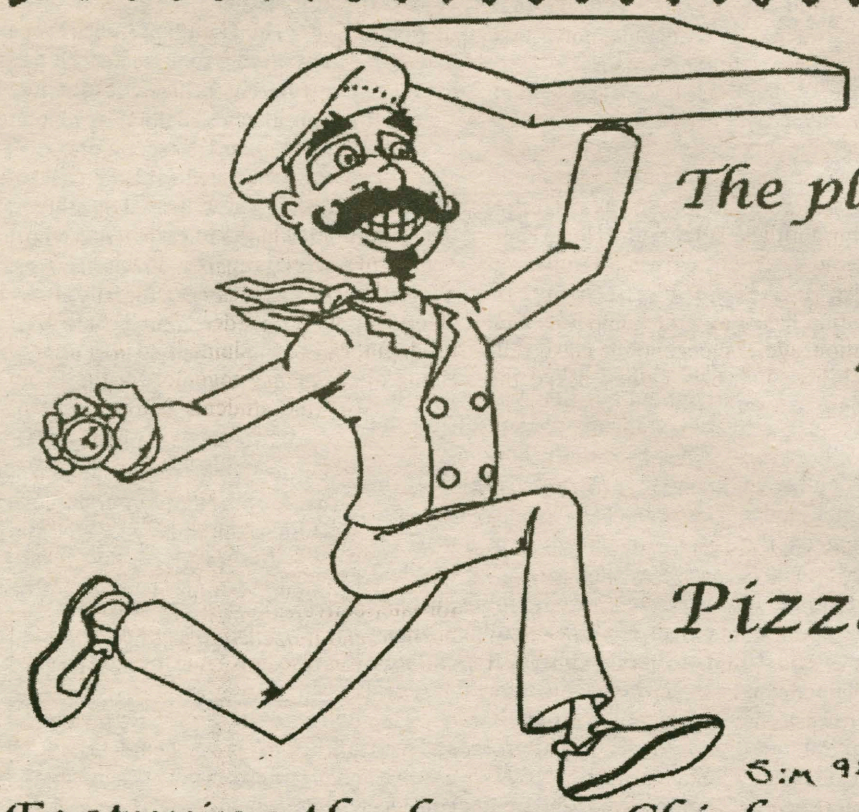

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for an employee to have the power to decide whether his boss can have his job."

The group has also referred to a similar case that occurred in the nearby town of Waterville, N.Y. in 1996.

Julian and the city's attorneys have a completely different interpretation of the city charter. Linda Fatata, an assistant corporation counsel, says the wording of the charter, which she admits has rather vague language, allows Julian to complete the remainder of the term.

"The charter says that if the positions of corporation president and mayor are elected at the same time, as they were in the last election, then the corporate president will succeed the mayor should the mayor resign, just as the vice president of the united states would succeed the president."

Ed Revere of Utica, a former Oneida County legislator and a Democrat, organized a petition and filed suit against the city in Utica Supreme Court.

"The people should be able to chose their mayor," Revere said. "This suit is about making sure the process is still working right. If it isn't, and if it is tainted, let's fix it."

Judge Tenning from the Utica Supreme Court ruled in favor of Revere that an election should be held. The city appealed to the Fourth Appellate Court, which sided unanimously with the city on Aug. 23 to allow Julian to complete the term.

The appellate court's decision was based on a conflict between city and state law. Utica's charter calls for a new election if the mayor resigns before Oct. 15 preceding an election, while state law calls for an election if it happens by Sept. 20. Because of the discrepancy, the court sided with the city. Since Hanna resigned well before both dates, Verscera sees no grounds for not having an election this year, yet alone not having one for three and a half years.

Revere took the last remaining step of appealing to New York's highest court, the Court of Appeals. Because the Appellate Court voted unanimously, the Court of Appeals must first decide whether or not to even hear the case. If it declines, the process will end, and Julian will remain mayor.

If the court takes the case, it could rule in favor of Revere and require a new election in November. Because of the short timeframe, the court is expected to reach a final decision within the next few days. Each side feels confident that the court will rule in its favor.

Julian has for the most part avoided an active role in the proceedings. According to Fatata, the mayor feels he can better use resources and efforts to help develop the city and allow his legal team of city and private lawyers to handle the controversy.

Julian was publicly quoted as saying that he was happy the city would not have to undergo the difficulties of another election, although he felt confident the people would reelect him if there were an election.

Fatata added, "Since taking office the mayor has attacked his duties, and let the legal department handle the legal issues."

The 35-year-old Revere, a local businessman, regards his actions as part of the responsibility of being a concerned citizen.

"The younger generation must stand up.," he said. "Be active in politics. Look for the facts and don't sit back when you feel something is wrong."

In addition to his suit, Revere has also pressed the city counsel to revise the wording of the city charter.

Hanna, well known for his unorthodox style, has maintained an uncharacteristically low profile throughout the controversy. Presumably he has had enough legal worries of his own. Less than three weeks before his resignation, two former and two current male city employees filed notice accusing the 78-year old mayor of sexual harassment.

Fatal fall at Eells House

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Syracuse office employee investigator, said the investigation by law could last no longer than six months. Although this incident seemed to him a straightforward one, "the potential is always there," for legal action.

Bill Huggins, construction manager, is the physical plant employee responsible for overseeing construction at the Eells House. Higgins said he was instructed by Dan O'Leary, vice-president of administration and finance for the College, not to comment on any aspect of this incident, "due to the legalities involved."

O'Leary told Higgins he was to send all inquiries on to Mike Debraggio, a public relations official.

Many students voiced concern over the fact that college officials never told them about the accident at the Eells House.

Debraggio said he and President Tobin made the decision to tell employees about this event, but not students, as they were not yet back on campus.

"I think the difficulty was that this man was not a part of our community, although it doesn't make it any less tragic," Debraggio said. "It was still something we thought employees should know about. This was a horrible accident."

Any persons wishing to send condolences to the family of Ernesto Ramos may do so care of: Liberty Painting Co., 2404 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, NY 13206.

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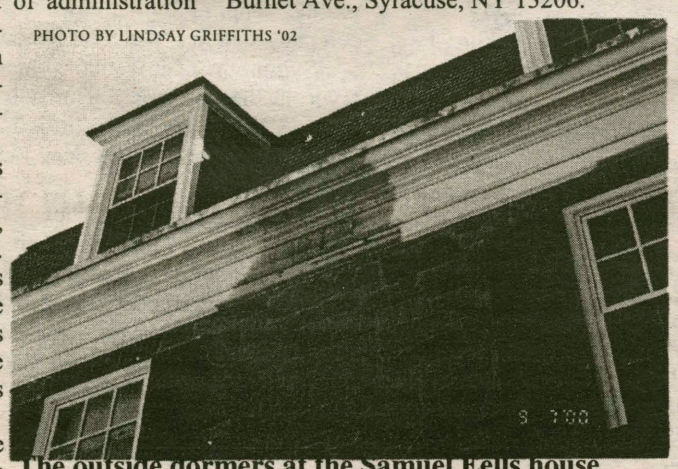


The outside dormers at the Samuel Eells house remain unfinished after a Syracuse resident was fatally injured painting them.

Summer improvements

Compiled from Staff Reports

During the summer Hamilton's campus becomes one big construction site as crews race to finish projects in the short three month period when students are away. Here is a sampling of what went on on "The Hill" this summer:

The Samuel Eells House, former home of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, is nearing completion of a multi-million dollar renovation project. The Eells House will be the home for 65 students. Located next to Minor Theater the House is complete with spectacular views of the countryside, a catwalk, an expansive back patio and spacious lounges.

Hamilton's landmark, the Chapel, was renovated this summer. Designed by Philip Hooker and completed in 1827, the Chapel is thought to be the only remaining example of an early three-story church in America. Restored in 1949 as a World War II memorial, it is the most notable landmark on the Hill and the center of the religious life of the College. It is frequently used for public lectures, concerts and assemblies.

Hamilton athletics had a great summer, finishing the 1999-00 athletic year ranked 24th in the Sears Directors' Cup Division III standings, the school's highest finish ever. The standings are based on how many teams scored points or participated at a NCAA post-season tournament or championship competition.

In addition, two athletic fields received new surfaces. The artificial surface field located behind the Woollcott House is nearing completion. An exciting new feature is the state-of-the-art lighting that will allow for evening games and extended practice hours. This field will be the home of the field hockey team and the men's and women's lacrosse teams.

The William D. Love Field received a facelift, during which the old artificial surface was replaced by sod. Love Field will be the new home for Hamilton's men's soccer team. Furthermore, the Walter Pritchard Track (surrounding Love Field) is nearing completion. Contractors are ready to place a new all-weather surface, which should be completed by Sept. 8.

Other projects included a complete electrical upgrade of Dunham residence, which included the installation of new lights and the upgrade of the campuses' Internet capabilities to a 100mbs Ethernet and a gigabit backbone.

Orientation receives mixed reviews from first-years

by Matthew Lawrence '04 & Sarah Karalunas '04

NEWS WRTIERS

It began in July, when each incoming Hamilton student opened his or her mailbox to find a large, white envelope containing a summer reading book. Confusion, irritation, anticipation, and fear were some of the reactions to the book; summer reading is a high school thing, many thought.

A month later, arriving at Hamilton, the students found out that reading wasn't the only thing they were expected to do — there was also a discussion group and a lecture. Students were not pleased.

Many freshmen were amazed, then, to find out that the discussion was insightful and the lecture quite interesting. The presentation, entitled "Toto, We're Not in Kansas Anymore," was by Dr. Maura Cullen, an engaging speaker. Raising issues of discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic class, religion, ability, and size, Cullen asked the students to be aware of the ways they "make people invisible" and how to combat that. "Remember someone's name, or if you forget, just ask. Something as little as that can make a difference."

Many students said they connected to Cullen because her program was the most inclusive.

"Everyone could relate to some part of what she said," said Colleen Palmer. "It really helped you keep your mind open for all the experiences you're going to have in college."

"[Cullen] expanded on the book to include more people. Then we went to discussion groups and together that really rounded out the book," said first-year Adam Applegate.

Katie Koestner addressed the issue of date rape on college campuses. A victim of date rape herself, Koestner spoke from personal experience to warn students to be careful: "Maybe you think I'm stupid, but I thought you could go out to dinner with someone and not have sex."

"I think [Koestner] stood out in everyone's mind because she connected emotionally to them," said Julia Berger '04.

Applegate agrees. "She was the most well-spoken speaker I've ever heard. She spoke from her heart, which made the issue a lot less distant. It made guys and girls think about consequences and respect."

The first days of orientation also involved seemingly countless events, beginning the first afternoon. Many students and parents headed to Wellin Hall to hear President Tobin's welcome. Others stayed in their dorms to say good-byes to parents and hellos to roommates. Some headed to the KJ lawn to meet professors and to sample the enormous fruit display. But this was just the beginning.

The events continued into the night, with the "First Night Experience." Students were introduced to their RAs, who had spent a week preparing in workshops about numerous topics ranging from fire safety to eating disorders. The RAs were tired, but, as one explained, "It was interesting to see people together for the first time." After the students learned about dorm policies, they headed to their First Night Experience. While initially the "Experience" did not seem like an appealing way to spend an evening, it nevertheless introduced students to their new friends. One student recalls: "It served as a basis for later conversation. It was a good ice-breaker, and it opened lines of communication. It was also how I met my core group of friends."

Day two was not a fun day; it rained and students had to take placement tests in math, languages, and music. The Quantitative Skills test was particularly daunting. Students got up early to go to Wellin Hall, where they were presented with number two pencils and lunch trays to lean on. The tests were an unpleasant but necessary part of orientation. Many actually found it a relief to get them all over with so quickly.

With the tests completed, it was time for four days of entertainment; the a cappella concert, the hypnotist, The Cider House Rules, the Midnight Pajama Breakfast, and the World Dance Party all served as ways to lighten the atmosphere.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Chris LaRosa '03

UConn, ANC catalog apartheid's trail

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — The African National Congress is giving thousands of boxes of documents, including some of Nelson Mandela's anguished personal letters, to the University of Connecticut.

South African officials said the archive launched Wednesday will remind the world how decades of brutal white rule were overcome.

"It is a disease which, if we are not able to cure it, will repeat itself in the 21st century," said Frene Ginwala, the speaker of South Africa's parliament and a prominent ANC leader.

The $1.1 million project will take several years to set up.

The collection will focus on documents that were kept secret for years, from schoolchildren's drawings to the correspondence of leaders such as Mandela, South Africa's former president, and Chris Hani, the late leader of the ANC's military wing.

Much of the ANC's history remains untold because South Africa's repressive government forced the movement underground, said Amii Omara-Otunnu, the UConn history professor leading the archive effort.

Scholars worldwide are expected to examine the records at the Dodd Research Center, making it one of North America's leading centers devoted to the history of the 50-year struggle. Apartheid ended in 1994, when South Africa held its first all-race elections.

Experts from UConn and the ANC will also train South African researchers to record oral histories from the tens of thousands of people "whose survival at times depended on not putting things in writing," UConn President Phillip Austin said.

The partnership between UConn and the ANC, which began last year, came about because of work by Omara-Otunnu, and Narissa Ramdhani, his former student and now director of the ANC Historical Archives Project.

Title IX complaint filed against SIU

CARBONDALE, Ill. — The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights informed Southern Illinois University administrators of a Title IX complaint last week, alleging discrimination against SIU female student-athletes with regard to campus athletic facilities.

The complaint, which specifically focuses on issues relative to facilities for the women's softball and men's baseball programs, will be looked at by SIU administrators, who hope to have initial information for the Department of Education within two weeks.

It is still uncertain who filed the complaint, but University officials are taking the request seriously.

"We're certainly going to cooperate fully with the investigation and if inadequacies are found, we'll work with the Office of Civil Rights to remedy them," said SIU General Counsel Peter Ruger, the chief spokesman for the University on the matter.

The Office of Civil Rights has not yet ruled on the legitimacy of the complaint, but if it is found valid, the University will work with the Chicago-based office to reach a solution.

College guides lampooned

BOSTON (AP) — There's a new college guide out, but prospective freshmen may want to think twice about taking "The Harvard Lampoon's Guide to College Admissions" seriously.

The publication, which hit bookstores Friday, parodies the cottage industry of lists, guides, and manuals that have catered to parents zealously seeking the perfect school — even before their little student can spell "college."

"Some books have sections on how to get your 5-year-old into the right kindergarten," staff writer Kevin Etten said. "They're almost comedy pieces in themselves."

One section of the Lampoon guide lists the "Do's and Don'ts" of getting your embryo into the right college.

"Do lecture the embryo on a variety of academic disciplines, ranging from spelling to numbers to the humanities to the biochemical sciences," the book advises. "Don't coddle it with cutesy phrases. The only thing this will do is develop a strong parent-child bond totally worthless in the college application process."

WORLD NEWS

Compiled By Chris LaRosa '03

Canadians discover drugs

TORONTO (AP) — Canadian police said Tuesday they made one of the largest heroin seizures in the nation's history, confiscating 343 pounds of illicit drug, some packed into fake duck eggs.

Ten ethnic Chinese in Toronto and Vancouver were arrested on drug smuggling and possession charges after police and border patrol agents intercepted two separate shipments, according to police officials.

Police had been investigating Asian drug smugglers in separate investigations since last year. While the shipments arrived separately in Toronto and Vancouver, police believe they were linked because of the amount of heroin involved and the proximity of their arrival.

The first shipment was seized Thursday in Toronto and contained 125 pounds of heroin, along with 37 pounds of ecstasy pills, hidden inside fake duck eggs, said Supt. Ben Soave of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

In Vancouver, 218 pounds of heroin was found Saturday in a hidden bottom of a shipping container, Soave said.

The heroin came from Southeast Asia's "Golden Triangle" and was prepared in China, then sent on ships from Hong Kong, police said.

Indian women killed over superstition

KARANDIH, India (AP) — Waving swords in the dark, 10 frenzied men battered at the frail wooden door of Manikui Goipai's mud and thatch house while she trembled on her bed and her family tried to keep the attackers out.

"Kill the witch," they screamed.

AP

Nomita Puran sits in the courtyard of her home in Dabang village, India as elders decide on how to defend her.

Hours earlier, a villager had died of tuberculosis. But in a land where people grow up on superstition, rumors quickly spread that a woman had caused the death through witchcraft. The village "ojha," or exorcist, declared it was Goipai.

The assailants broke open the door, hacked Goipai's husband to death as she screamed in terror. They sliced through her son's arm, but he escaped and was able to summon police before bleeding to death.

A sword came down on Goipai's forehead, causing a grievous wound. She stopped the second blow with her hand, suffering a deep gash. Then the attackers fled, trying to escape arriving police officers. They were arrested within hours.

French get tough with truckers

PARIS (AP) - French truckers stepped up a blockade of the nation's fuel depots Wednesday as the government said it would make no more concessions and demanded an end to protests that have forced some gas stations to run dry.

Prime Minister Lionel Jospin took a tough line with the truckers, saying their strike had "inflicted a major handicap on the French economy," and the government had reached its limit.

"The government will not go any farther. There will be no more negotiations," Jospin told reporters after meeting with Transport Minister Jean-Claude Gayssot, who spent the past two nights negotiating with union leaders.

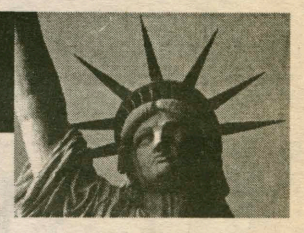
French truckers have sealed off roads to nearly 100 of the country's oil refineries and fuel depots since Sunday to protest soaring fuel prices.

France has the second highest fuel prices in the European Union after Britain. Unleaded gasoline costing $3.70 per gallon, of which about 75 percent is tax. Diesel fuel in France costs $2.84 per gallon, compared to a current average of $1.58 per gallon in the United States.

Since the blockade began Sunday, hundreds of gas stations have run dry and local governments have begun rationing fuel as motorists line up bumper-to-bumper at the pump.

Authorities in many regions have had to reserve gas for emergency and police use. Some drivers crossed into neighboring countries to fill their tanks.

NATIONAL NEWS



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Scooter injuries are up this summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — They are the fad of the moment — but those sleek, fold-up foot scooters have sent nearly 9,500 Americans, mostly children, to emergency rooms with injuries this year.

The number of scooter-related injuries has surged this summer, with more than 4,000 in August alone compared with fewer than 500 in May, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Tuesday. Children younger than 15 account for nearly nine out of 10 injuries.

AP

Scooters have sent nearly 9,500 Americans to ERs this year.

"These are certainly not your grandmother's scooters from the '50s," Ann Brown, the safety commission's chairwoman, said in an interview. "Many kids are ending up in hospital emergency rooms instead of classrooms."

The safety commission says it had received reports of 9,411 scooter injuries this year as of Aug. 27. The majority of injuries were cuts, bruises and sprains, but a third were broken bones or dislocations, mostly in the arms and hands. Hospitals treated and released nearly all of those injured. There have been no deaths related to the new scooters.

Dr. Jill Posner, 33, who practices emergency pediatric medicine at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, said she saw her first scooter-related injury in June, but more have been coming in over the summer.

"People don't think about the fact that these scooters can be as dangerous as bikes and skateboards," Posner said, adding that she's seen children with serious head injuries who were struck by cars while riding scooters.

Loophole in Texas marriage licenses

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman and a transsexual who was born a man obtained a marriage license Wednesday, taking advantage of a court ruling that defines gender only by chromosomes.

Jessica Wicks and Robin Manhart Wicks, who took Jessica's surname this year, were allowed to pay $36 to get their license, even though they consider themselves a same-sex couple. Had Jessica Wicks been born a woman, their marriage, set for Sept. 16, would be illegal under state law.

However, because of a state appeals court ruling that said chromosomes, not genitals, determine gender, the two will be able to wed.

Phyllis Randolph Frye, an attorney for the Wicks, said the couple has advanced the rights of gays, lesbians and transsexuals across the country.

"We feel that this could open an equal protection argument from a legal standpoint because lesbian and gay couples can argue, 'Well, if this lesbian and gay couple can get married, why can't we get married?"'

Lunchbox smoked turkey recalled

MUKILTEO, Wash. (AP) — Jumbo Foods is recalling its Lunchbox Smoked Turkey Sandwiches due to possible contamination, though no illnesses have been reported.

The bacteria Listeria monocytogenes was found in routine sampling by the state Agriculture Department, the company said in a Wednesday news release.

Symptoms of infection in healthy individuals include fever, headache, nausea, stomach ache and diarrhea. The bacteria can cause fatal illness in the very old and very young, however, and has been linked to miscarriages and stillbirths.

The recalled sandwiches were made at a plant in Mukilteo, about 30 miles north of Seattle, and sold in convenience stores in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona and southern California. They weigh 6 ounces each and have a red-and-blue label with a Sept. 25 expiration date.

The company has stopped production of the product while it investigates the problem with the Food and Drug Administration.

People who bought the sandwiches can return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions can call 800-562-6507.

Milbank Fire Uncovered

As the door opens, my companion and I enter the dimly lit, smoky room. A slight odor hangs in the air, something like the smell you get on Christmas when you light up your sister's hair at midnight mass with your portable fire hazard while singing Silent Night. Without panicking, I quickly think, "What would Brian Boitano do?" The answer probably isn't "go get the fire extinguisher off the peg in the hall," but that's what I do anyway. As I fumble with the hose, I know that my dreams of glory are about to be fulfilled. Plus I have always really wanted to shoot off a fire extinguisher.

Karl Bressler

There's hardly any smoke, and definitely no flames, but hell, I don't have to tell anyone that. I can just stick my chest out and proudly say that I saved Milbank from burning down.

Instantly my reverie is shattered as I hear a bellow in my ear, "Evacuate, Evacuate!!" My elation turns to jealous rage as I realize that Campus Safety Man is trying to steal my glory. HE wants to be able to tell all the other Campus Safety Mans and everyone else that HE saved Milbank from burning down. I want to steal the show, but my 21 years of being brainwashed into deferring to authority kick in. My kindergarten lessons also start to kick in and give me an uncontrollable urge to stop, drop, and roll, but I resist them and retain my dignity as I stroll nonchalantly out the door and down the stairs.

Still smarting about my recent defeat and knowing that Campus Safety Man will earn the admiration and love of women and children worldwide, I turn around to see all the Campus Safety Mans right behind me! 15 minutes later, I hear the wail of sirens and the rest is history...

What you have just read is not from the handbook on "How not to react to small pieces of melting towels," or even "The ten best ways to turn a minor inconvenience into a knockdown, hell-busting barnburner."

This is reality, folks, more real than Richard Hatch's show-em-your-genitalia master plan. And what we, in Milbank 38, now have to show for it is 100$ worth of laundry that had to be done, sooty chairs and desks, and mildewed carpets from the standing puddles in our hall left by a few hundred overzealous Clinton volunteers setting off (quote-em) "Water-bombs" in our hallway.

I hate to make light of a potentially serious condition such as a fire, and I understand that because of recent dorm fires where people have been seriously harmed or killed all colleges are on the edge. However, what started out as an honestly minor inconvenience was left to simmer unattended until it reached the point where it was deemed a big enough "mishap" to grace the front page of the Clinton Courier and, in an astounding display of poor judgment and insensitivity be described in the same article as some other, very serious accidents that have occurred here recently.

The fact of the matter is, if the Campus Safety Officer on the scene had simply let me spray the fire extinguisher in the closet, everyone involved would have been saved much anxiety, aggravation, and inconvenience. We would also not have two young ladies who were forced to do 100$ worth of laundry, have all their linens dry cleaned, have all their belongings crusted with black soot, and be forced to move everything out of their rooms only days after they moved everything in. The email that was sent to the students wrongly paints a rosy picture of how this situation was dealt with. It also has one glaring omission — the biggest fire hazard of them all are bare light bulbs complete with electrical sockets but no fixtures or protection of any type.

To those living in the suites: take a moment to look in your closet. Yep. The unconfirmed rumor is that these fixtures were deemed fire hazards by the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department and that in time, they will all be changed to fixtures acceptable to fire safety standards.

In the meantime, can I have my fire extinguisher back?

I'm still living in Milbank 38, and you never know, I might actually need it someday. Thank You.

North Court: Farewell Old Friend

Only about a week ago I found myself walking by the infamous social epicenter known as North Court, or as it will now be called when you order the commemorative plate, "North Court: The Place Dreams Were Made".

Much to my chagrin, it only took me a moment to notice a few distinct changes: the bars had been removed from the windows, the stench of a beer/vomit cocktail no longer permeated the area and suddenly there were offices in there!? I can only imagine the staff meeting where that bomb was dropped. I picture President Tobin offering up the new, coveted North Court offices to the screaming masses.

Selena Coppock

Professors must have been rioting and fighting each other for a shot at the new digs, "I want one of those deluxe North Court offices... oh, and can I have the residual boot cleaned from the walls before I put up my motivational posters? Thanks!"

Honestly, I am baffled as to why the administration has turned this building into offices. Perhaps professors are going through the same never ending "housing crunch" that students are... but North Court!?

Have some class, HamTech. Above all else, North Court was truly the student's place. It was a shack: it had holes in the walls, a slanted floor and broken tiles, but we loved it and looked forward to North Court parties.

It was ideally located; you could go, see your friends and just chill out. Is the school deliberately trying to spite us by taking away the one building that we really loved? Nobody cared about that shanty before, and now suddenly everyone has dibs on it?

Taking away 25% of the social space on campus (which sadly, North Court represented) is akin to me marching into Tobin's living room and saying, "Hey dude, I bet you only use this place for dinner parties. I need some space to do work, so I'm gonna commandeer your dining room table for my office, cool?" to which he would probably reply, "What do you think this is, a Holiday Inn?"

Administrators are happy because they have brainiac children flocking to Clinton like nobody's business, but at what cost? It's all academics, numbers, acceptance rates and SAT scores in the front. In the back, where the party should be. You have some pretty unhappy kids who are being forced to go off campus/into their closets in order to interact within a social environment.

It's as though the "party in the back" is a shameful part of Hamilton life that the admissions office would like to keep hidden. But it's not!

It is not abnormal behavior to have a few beers with friends in a social setting like North Court... in fact, Guns 'n Roses can even be played at a relatively high volume while you engage in these activities and this will NOT earn you a one way ticket to hell, despite the rumors. (Though, I must warn you that if you substitute Styx for Guns 'n Roses, you WILL earn said ticket).

In a nutshell, what is currently happening at Hamilton is this: that administrators are saying, "We need more offices, more academics and better rankings in the Princeton Review, pass the Grey Poupon" and students are saying, "Dude, if I move over my shoe rack, maybe I can fit myself and a case of beer into my closet for tonight's social/ non-academic activities." It's ironic that for all of the administration's talk of the mystical Hamilton community, they have taken away an important site of social activity.

The motto of Hamilton is "Know Thyself" and to the college I plead this: allow me to know myself by granting me adequate opportunities to commune and interact with my peers in both an academic and social setting.

The next time you need more office space, take the Annex! Either that or admit that Greg Brady lost the real Annex blueprints at the amusement park so we got stuck with a fire station garage as a social space.

The Annex has and will forever be a place that is unliked by most on campus. It is unclear whether the builders intended it to be such a plain building. There is not even a hint of anything exciting in the entire structure.

But, alas, that is Hamilton. The Annex will try to fill the void left by North Court. For those freshmen or first years who will never experience North Court, I am sorry.

It was an interesting place and one could learn many lessons after spending a night out there.

Thumbs Up

- Being the 100th customer at Pub Lunch
- Dr. Mario
- Getting our bonus meals back....almost
- The Warriors

Thumbs Down

- First years on cell phones
- The brown stuff at the all-campus BBQ
- Freshmen at the bars
- The Warriors

EDITORIAL

A Community's Obligation

Last week, a Hamilton student was seriously injured. The Hamilton Community went above and beyond what was expected to comfort her, from sending her jokes to offering to take in her parents, [see "Student recovering after bicycle accident, page 1]. Many took time out to write a letter, make a call, send a bouquet, or comfort her parents. The accident was of a severity such that Hamilton has not seen in recent history.

This community rallied behind a young woman and her family, and she is now home recovering. From Buttrick to Babbitt, Hamilton hopes she will make a full recovery and will keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Just over 24 hours before her accident, a man died as the result of another accident here. He was not a college employee, and he was only on campus for a few days. He fell off a ladder while painting at the Samuel Eells House and later died. The Spectator has learned that the College will not recognize his family's loss because lawyers have advised it may be grounds for a lawsuit. However, all parties involved say this was a horrible accident, and no liability on the part of the College exists.

Does the Hamilton Community have a moral and social responsibility to recognize the loss of this man's life? The answer should be a resounding yes, but sadly our College is not immune to the legal system in this country, where the fear of lawsuits and liability claims runs rampant. The College has chosen to acquiesce to this fear.

This College Community has proven itself by the student's accident compassionate, selfless, and kind. But we weren't given the chance to do the same for the family of the worker. Not only did the administration not respond, it didn't inform the student body of the worker's accident.

Maybe the College as an institution sees no reason to reach out to his family - he was not an official member of the Hamilton community - but some of us would've liked to respond as individuals. We have been denied that chance.

The administration's decision has drawn for us clear boundaries of community, yet it is never that simple. Some faculty and administrators have made a lifetime out of Hamilton.

Most of us stay for a relatively short amount of time. Students spend just four short years here, yet leave an indelible mark. The painter who died was here for a few days, yet he improved this campus by his presence. The Eells House is an impressive building that will grace our campus for years to come.

And as far as the chance of legal action that the administration fears, we would like to see the College's lawyers and advisors identify a case where a sympathy card has been admitted as evidence.

Take a chance on a lawsuit, Hamilton administration. Send his wife and children a sympathy card.

Arlette Barahona

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LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Due to the college's precipitous decline in the U.S. News and World Report rankings this year, I believe it is fair to suggest "drastic" action.

Clearly, we must ignore academic standards, or other more important criteria and take a hard look at how people live on campus.

I propose that we raze all the dorms and force students to be live in "tent cities" in the woods surrounding campus. Students have for too long enjoyed such ammenities as "indoor plumbing", prison-cell size rooms, and marginal heating.

In addition, dorm-housing provides students with a qualitatively different expereince than the furry woodland creatures who are at the heart of this fine college. Surely this innovative and bold move will get us back on the "right track" to U.S. News glory.

Timothy B. Sapir '02

The Year Begins

Seth O'Bryan

At our age, change, great questions, and excitement surround us almost every day. Whether you are a "first year" entering the new world of college or a senior realizing that the real world is knocking on your door, it's a crazy time. Friends are wandering off to different parts of the world, and what were once every day experiences are now just treasured memories.

On that note, welcome to Hamilton College, where change is put on hold and life is often about living in a comfort zone and having a good time doing it; all the same, Hamilton College is both a wonderful place and a place in need of great improvement. We are enrolled at one of the finest academic institutions in the world with many great people, faculty and students. Enjoy it, have a good time, both during the week and on the weekends, in class, in the dorm, and on the walks in between. I have a list of some sad things I did happen to notice my first couple of days here. What happened to our bonus meals? I'm sure people have complained already, because they should be, and I will chip right in and say I'll take my bonus meals over unlimited access any day of the week. Okay, so North Court is out of use, but the Fish Room as well? The Fish Room was a good place to get away with some friends, a team or organization, have fun together and not worry about the rest of Hamilton. On a larger note, while much of the Hamilton College community desires to see alcohol use go down, I don't see much push to look for alternative options on campus. Where is our student union? Where is the place for students looking for something different on the weekend night past 11 or so? So what are we supposed to do until things change?

As the new school year begins, I ask all of you to think about two concepts on our campus, intellectualism and communication. How often are ideas and concepts and thoughts discussed outside of class amongst the student body, and how important is learning about yourself and growing (knowing thyself) on this campus? How is the communication between various groups, organizations or races on this campus? Are you stepping outside of your comfort zones or groups to meet new people? It has taken me 3 years to realize those emails that are sent out about various groups and organizations are real invitations and desire for your or my presence. Take advantage of that. Whether it's La Vanguardia, Think Tank, or some Volunteer work, something, do something outside of your bounds, you have no idea what you will realize.

Anyway, these were some things I thought about while walking back from North Lot to Milibank, North Lot being my current designated parking lot. It's the beginning of another year, and I hope we have a good one, something new, something different. Don't be afraid to step out of that comfort zone and embrace change; that's my goal for the year. And so our year begins.

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The Summer of Love

Justin Tyler & J.P. LeBlanc

School has started and that means one thing, you are about to get a parking ticket. It's sad but true, the summer is over and we all have to get back to Hamilton reality (2/3=1/4=54/79=π), but not before we take a long, hard look at the summer of 2000.

It was a summer of love, it was a summer of danger, but most of all it was the summer of Pokemon 2000: The sequel. Yes, that's right, Pikachu returned to the silver screen this summer and he was not about to be upstaged by the recent DVD release of Scott Wolf's 1994 Oscar worthy pic "Double Dragon: The Movie." Pokemon was the sleeper date movie of the season, followed closely by Richard Gere's erotic thriller "Autumn in New York." See you there, Mom!

If you couldn't make it out to the movie theater this summer, it was most likely because you were glued to CBS's hot summer line-up featuring "When Bar-Mitzvah's Catch Fire 6" and a glut of outrageously popular reality shows. "Survivor" led the charge with its cast of criminals and the extremely elderly. Justin was pulling for Sonja the whole time; her feeble attempt at jogging won him over. J.P. on the other hand had his money on Rudy, the last of the great Civil War generals. Thank God that the show is over and Richard and Kelly can get back to beating their respective loved ones. Meanwhile, Big Brother continues to suck.

I don't know about you, but I spent a great deal of my summer following Harry Potter's rocket ride to stardom. But who is this Mr. Potter? To find out I applied to Hogwart's School of Witchcraft & Wizardry (Princeton Review: What's Hot: Hard liquor, What's Not: Science). It was a rigorous application process; my SAT scores were a little low but I think I made up for it by spinning straw into gold and having watched every episode of the WB's "Charmed". And it didn't get any easier once I was accepted. Ever since Harry became a celebrity he's been walking around campus like he's a young Charlie Sheen. He's got to be flying the hottest broomstick, he's got Sabrina wrapped around his finger and I'm not going to lie to you, he's been known to tip a couple back. Faced with all of that pressure to fit in, I had no choice but to return to Hamilton. At least here the only thing you have to conjure up is the money for your Abercrombie mail order.

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Children adore the loveable character Pokeman.

The presidential race was also a hot topic throughout the summer months. We saw each candidate select a running mate amidst a frenzy of excitement. Riots ensued as the country was gripped by shock that Bush went out on a limb to chose an oil tycoon to diversify his ticket. Giddy excitement followed as Gore chose the electrifying Joe Lieberman to ignite the democratic ticket.

Not since the selection of Wilford Brimley as the Quaker Oats spokesman has a decision so shaken the country. The candidates have also pledged to televise a number of debates in the months before the election. Bush's debate topics include "9x7: 67 or 59?" and "Super Mario Bros. 2: What was Nintendo thinking?" Gore hopes to top him with "Ok, tell me the truth, am I cool?" and "Good posture vs. bad posture: sit up or get out." Maybe Big Brother isn't so bad after all.

It was a summer not to be forgotten. We Made the Band. We bid Kathie Lee farewell. We mapped the genome. Kevin Arnold fell in love at summer camp. Fonzie saved the day. Gilligan finally go off the island. Goodbye summer 2000, we'll always remember you fondly.

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Architects chosen, plans being drawn for new science building

Natural and applied sciences to be housed under one roof

By Sam Evans '01
SCIENCE WRITER

This is an exciting time for the future of science at Hamilton. Substantial progress has been made in the conceptual development of a new facility that will one day house all of the classrooms and laboratories involved in the teaching of biology, geology, chemistry, physics and psychology.

The idea for a new science building arose in 1996, when science department heads, Trustees and then Dean of Faculty Bobby Fong began to address the need to upgrade the college's facilities.

The Science Building and the Saunders Hall of Chemistry were rapidly becoming outdated and outcompeted by facilities at Hamilton's peer institutions, according to Vice President of Finance and Administration Dan O'Leary, who is responsible for most of the leadership behind major developments in campus infrastructure.

Last September, the Trustee Subcommittee for Buildings, Grounds and Equipment recommended that the Board pursue a $40 million project to expand the sciences at Hamilton. The Board approved the motion.

Since the inception of the idea for a new science building, faculty and administration have been gathering information about how to best approach such a massive project. In the fall of 1996 and again in the spring of 1997, a team of professors and administrators went on fact-finding missions to conferences organized by Project Kaleidoscope, a national organization that specializes in the teaching and performance of science at undergraduate institutions.

The new facility will be twice the size of Burke Library.

Department chairs and administrators then formed a coordinating committee in early 1997 to direct the work that needed to be done on campus. Neuroscience Department Chair Doug Weldon became head of the committee.

The committee's first step was to build a list of needs for the new building. This involved questions of laboratory square footage, multidisciplinary capabilities, classroom and department locations. In 1998, the committee presented a "general narrative" of needs to Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates (DLCA), a Boston consulting firm with expertise in science facility planning. DLCA has served over 350 colleges and universities worldwide with data and advice for the specific design needs of cultural, scientific and other educational facilities.

Using a database with extensive information on science building designs, DLCA fine-tuned the list of needs and concerns submitted by the coordinating committee. They also transformed the revised version of the plans into information that can be more easily used by architects and engineers.

Last year the committee combed through a pool of 18 architects who had sent their qualifications at the request of Vice President O'Leary. The committee decided to hire Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, an architecture and engineering company that has designed educational facilities for Swarthmore, Williams, Mt. Holyoke, Assumption College, and numerous other institutions.

While the building's exact form is still under debate by Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, the new structure will require significant new construction as well as the renovation and modernization of existing structures within the science building. Expansions may extend, and perhaps widen, the red brick wing that extends to the North from the main entrance.

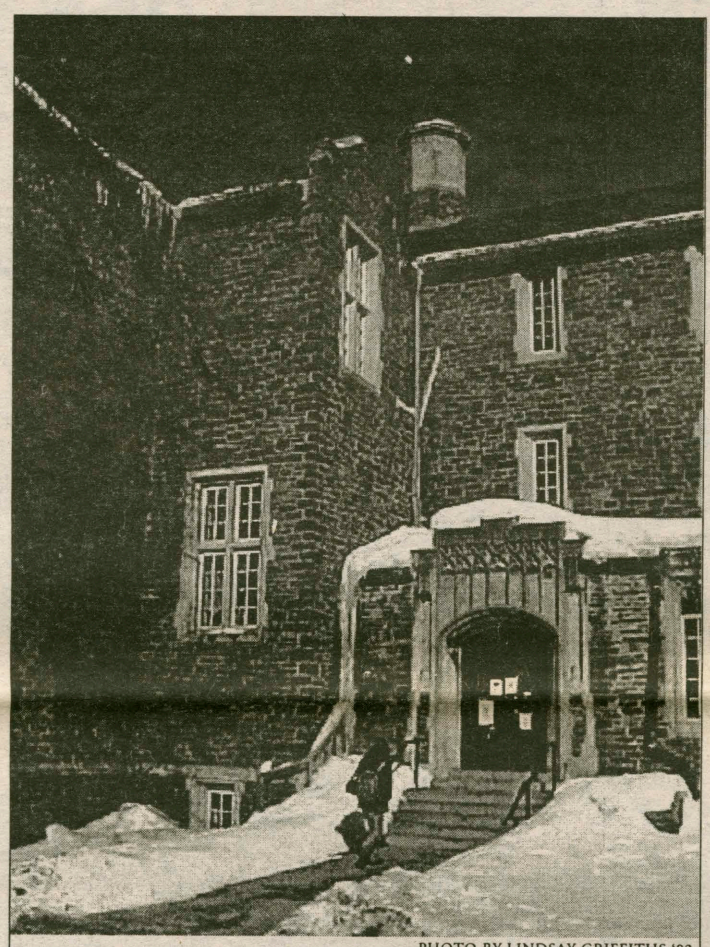
According to DCLA, the new science building will expand the 62,950 square foot facility currently in use by 60 percent, to 106,405 net usable square feet. The proposed building will be roughly double the size of the Burke Library.

Despite several renovations to Hamilton's science facilities over the last century, the time has come for a new investment in the college's science education and research infrastructure. The Science Building, built in 1925, expanded in 1965 and renovated in 1992, houses the classrooms, lecture halls and laboratories of the Physics, Biology, Geology and Psychology departments. Similarly, the Saunders Hall of Chemistry was built in 1903, and renovated in 1930 and once more in 1978.

According to early proposals written by Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, bringing all of the natural and applied sciences into one building will follow current trends toward multidisciplinary approaches to education, especially in the sciences.

Though progress is being made, a great deal of work lies ahead, and questions that involve all members of the community remain. One of EYP and the coordinating committee's challenges is to design a building that is sustainable, both economically and environmentally, for decades to come.

EYP will build a group of members of the community called the Green Team to investigate ways of making the building as environmentally sound as possible. Weldon sent an email to the campus last week to recruit people for the Green Team, and he said last week that he received many replies from interested students.



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The Science Building will be expanded and renovated in a $40 million project that the board of trustees approved last fall.

Genome completed: now what?

By Julie Rizzo '03
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Genomics, a branch of science that is beginning to reshape medicine, had its long awaited breakthrough this summer with the completion of the crucial first steps of the first draft of the Human Genome Project often referred to as "biology's Holy Grail."

The completion of the genome project, or the decoding of the 3.1 billion chemical "letters" that make up the human genetic code, was announced on June 26 by the private company Celera Genomics and the National Institute of Health National Human Genome Research Institute public consortium.

The question on many minds now is what does decoding the human genome actually mean. Medical use of the information produced by the genome project will not be immediate.

However, the genome is an incredibly helpful tool in examining human health and diseases at the molecular level. For example, scientists and doctors have been working on a study of prostate cancer to investigate aspects of a condition that affects hundreds of thousands of males in the U.S.

Before any questions about disease and human health can be answered, scientists must ascertain the role of thousands of proteins that are products of the individual genes decoded by the genome project. By cataloging and analyzing proteins, crucial building blocks of life, scientists hope to understand the functions of enzymes, themselves are proteins, that drive certain processes in the body.

Such a catalog would be especially helpful in the study of Tay-Sach's disease, a neurological disorder that hinders normal mental development due to the absence of an enzyme that breaks down fatty deposits in the brain. By matching genes and their respective enzymes, novel therapy could be introduced to produce a necessary enzyme.

Dr. J. Craig Venter, the chief executive officer of Celera, has proposed to decode the 2.3 billion genetic units of a mouse. Because of the genetic similarities between mice and humans, studying the mouse can help explain human gene functions.

Since the beginning of the project, many ethical and social questions have been brought up. These include the basic question of whether we should be decoding nature's work. Other worries, such as who has the right to possess the genomic catalogue, are a source of endless debate.

Summer Research at Hamilton

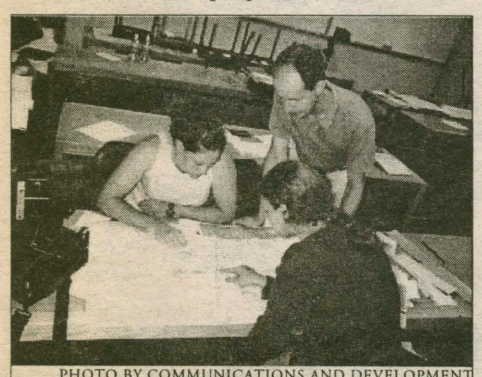
Geology

Reports compiled by Doug Wheeler '03
SCIENCE CO-EDITOR

Abby McDermott '01 and Jennifer Cleary '02 researched the water supply in the area of nearby Deansboro, NY with Associate Professor of Geology Todd Rayne this summer.

McDermott and Cleary searched for a new source of water because Deansboro's current source is running dry. In their search for a new well site, they investigated sediment density and type. Once they found a favorable site, they drilled a new well.

Part of their project included interviewing residents of Deansboro in order to identify possible sources of contamination that may affect the new well, such as underground gas tanks and dumps.



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Associate Professor of Geology Todd Rayne peruses a map with Abby McDermott '01 Jennifer Cleary '02.

They also investigated the effect of farming practices on the existing water supply. Farms often use nitrogen containing fertilizers. Rain can wash fertilizer into the watershed and severely impact a local water supply.

The research team may be able to convince Deansboro authorities to drill a new well, or to enact proper zoning laws to protect the water source. The group hopes to present their work at a conference in November.

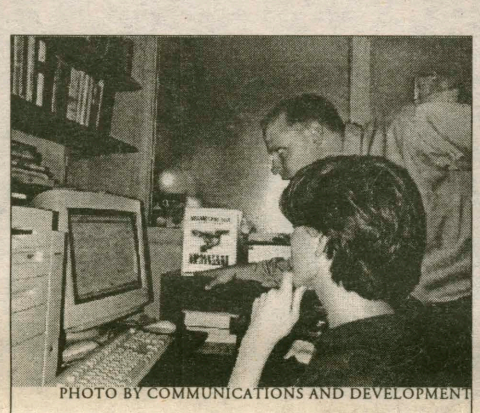
Computer science

Aaron Crosman '01 worked on genetic programming in the Computer Science Department with Assistant Professor Alistair Campbell this summer.

Genetic programming sounds like it would involve creating organisms with specific genetic codes, but in fact it is a technique that computer scientists use for solving difficult problems.

In genetic programming, one computer program creates a population of randomly written programs. The computer then tests each program's ability to perform a certain task.

Members of the population that are better suited to solving problems create a new generation of programs to be tested.



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Assistant professor of Computer Science Alistair Campbell and student Aaron Crosman working with genetic programming this summer.

Generation by generation, the population of programs solves the problem. Ultimately, the best program is arrived upon. The process is slow, as each program in 500 to 1000 generations is individually tested to determine the accuracy of the solution.

Aaron wrote his program in the computer language of Java, and is continuing to develop the program on his own.

Biology

Erik Johnson '01 and Scott Kalberer '01 worked with Associate Professor of Biology Bill Pfitsch this summer, researching different species of Aster plants. The research they performed revolved around the activities of small fungi that reside on the roots of Asters.

One of their projects examined whether there were differences in the rate at which the root systems of Asters in different environments were colonized by fungi.

Another project investigated whether the colonization of the fungi was beneficial to young plants, while a third project measured the physiological rates of seedlings with and without fungi, to investigate how the fungi affected them. Preliminary results indicate that Aster species differ in the extent to which they are colonized and assisted by the fungi.

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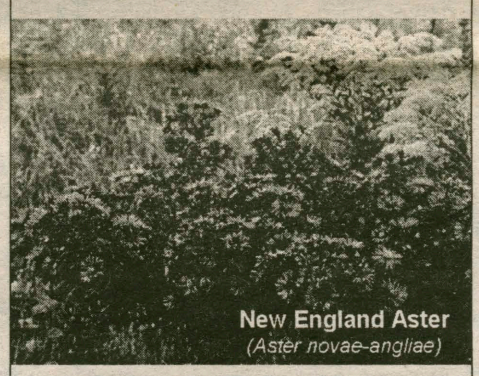
Scott Kalberer '01 and Associate Biology Professor Bill Pfitsch investigating different species of Aster plants. They compared populations of fungi on the roots of Asters.



An example of the New England Aster, one species of Asters that Erik Johnson '01, Scott Kalberer '01 and Bill Pfitsch of the Biology Department researched this summer.

Psychology

Ian Fiebelkorn '01 worked with Psychology Professor Douglas Weldon this summer. Fiebelkorn and Weldon were trying to confirm the existence of reward-sensitive cells (neurons) in the superior colliculus of the male Long Evans rat. The superior colliculus is a part of the brain that is involved in visuomotor behavior. They also looked into the possibility that those cells are involved in processing reward magnitude. To test this, they recorded neuron activity while rats shuffled from one end of a runway to another, receiving one or two food pellets. The results indicated that some cells in the rat's superior colliculus respond to both reward and reward magnitude.

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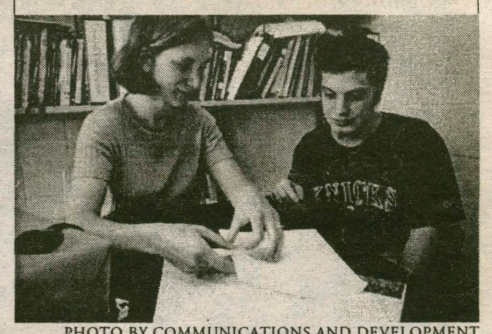
Ian Fiebelkorn '01, shown here with a male Long Evans Rat. Fiebelkorn monitored the animal's brain cells during experiments to determine whether certain cells are involved in processing reward and reward magnitude.

Below, Assistant Professor of Psychology Jennifer Borton and Lee Markowitz researching the effects of attempted thought suppression.



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Lee Markowitz '01 and Jennifer Borton of the Psychology department investigated the effects of attempted thought suppression. This summer they compared the cognitive and emotional consequences of suppressing personal thoughts with the consequences of suppressing neutral thoughts.

Their work specifically examined the effects of negative thought suppression on mood and on self esteem. Markowitz and Borton will continue their research this year.

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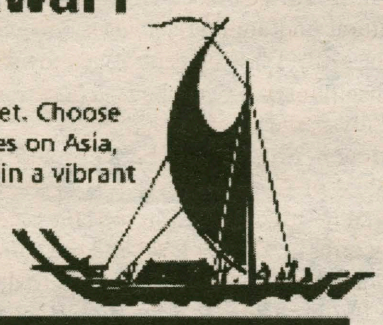

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Spectator At The Movies

The Cell wins with special effects, but lacks in story

By Darcy Lewis '02
A&E WRITER

Once in a while a movie comes along that simply redefines the course and process of filmmaking. 1999 was a year filled with new and fresh ways of looking at plot, point of view and direction. Other films captured audiences' imaginations and led them to places they had never been before. *Being John Malkovich* and *Magnolia* were two of the most unique, and *The Cell* attempts to follow these magnificent examples of bizarre and remarkable movies, though with less success.

The film stars Jennifer Lopez as a child therapist who is part of an experimental neurological treatment study. She uses her natural abilities along with breakthrough technology to enter the mind of a catatonic young boy and attempt to bring him back to his loving (and perceivably rich) parents. This role seems a bit of a stretch for Lopez, but she acts the part with such genuine concern and empathy that it is fairly easy to forget she is actually a scientist.

PHOTO BY NEW LINE CINEMA

The beauty and the Beast. Jennifer Lopez enters the mind of a serial killer, played by Vincent D'Onofrio in *The Cell*.

After several young women are found dead, an FBI agent (Vince Vaughn) hires her to enter the warped serial killer's (Vincent D'Onofrio) mind. Her assignment is to discover the hiding place of the last victim, who is presumably living and trapped in a device called "the cell," which the killer has fashioned to systematically murder the young woman. D'Onofrio wallows gleefully in the role of an interestingly complex character touched with lunacy. He plays his under-written character convincingly. D'Onofrio is mostly shadows and larger-than-life characters in his own mind. Vaughn is quiet and average in a very modest part, and Lopez also drifts along with the movie's plot as just one more eye-catching prop.

The film is stylistically beautiful, and Tarsem Singh, the director, decides to concentrate on the aesthetic quality of the movie. The journey through the mindscapes of these characters is visually stunning, but the actual plot of the film is a mere backseat to the mind-bending visuals. The writer of this film is seriously warped. The plot has no real redeeming qualities, and is basically a cess-pool of deranged ideas without any coherent story line. The story is so far-fetched that it would be more feasible if it existed only within the minds of the characters. Instead, the audience must believe that the complicated technology used for the process actually exists. The descriptions in the movie of the experiment are vague and leave room for many questions as to how it actually works.

The Cell is a stunningly beautiful film that nicely contrasts with the dark themes of the story. Despite the weak writing and unbelievable plot, the film is a must-see. It is a strange trip down a different sort of rabbit hole.

Unique camera-work make Rosetta a winner

By Matt Olney '01
A&E EDITOR

The rough-edged style of filming has followed Belgium brothers Luc and Jean Pierre Dardenne from their documentary beginning to their newest video release, *Rosetta*, which garnered them the coveted Palme D'Or award at the 1999 Cannes Film Festival.

Rosetta is the story of a fiery and tenacious seventeen year old named Rosetta (played by Emilie Dequenne, who won the best actress award at the Cannes Film Festival), who seeks stability from her unsatisfying family situation. She lives with her drunk mother in a trailer park, and each day Rosetta goes to the city to find permanent work. She finally finds a job mixing batter for a waffle stand company. A co-worker named Riquet is attracted to Rosetta, and a cat and mouse relationship forms with Rosetta uncomfortably resisting Riquet's charm.

PHOTO BY USA FILMS

In video stores now, *Rosetta* stars Emilie Dequenne as a confused, strong-minded societal outcast seeking a job and a place in life.

Just when Rosetta's life seems to stabilize, she looses her job to a former employee. With the brief taste of a normal life washed away, her life becomes more unstable than it was before, and she sinks deeper into the abyss of her own loneliness. To regain that stability, she is forced to betray Riquet, who in turn tortures and ridicules Rosetta until she finally breaks down.

The medium and tight hand-held shots the directors use convey to the audience the despair that Rosetta feels throughout the movie. Each shot is intense and determined, just like Rosetta. Often there is no dialogue at all. The Dardenne brothers use the fluid motions of the camera to capture the feelings of Rosetta, like showing her drag a bag of flour across the room.

Along with the original direction, Emilie Dequenne shines in her first starring role. She plays her character, a stubborn and unlovable young adult obsessed with escaping the depths of poverty and the trailer life, with passion and maturity. No matter how down her character is, Dequenne finds the will to bring her back. Anne Yernaux gives a notable performance as Rosetta's mother, who is so desparate for affection that she resorts to prostitution to find it.

Rosetta is an original film with excellent acting. It is filmed like a documentary to capture true emotions of the characters. Its script is outstanding, as is its dialogue, which in some instances, is not needed. The directors let the motions and emotions of the characters do the talking. A monumental film, *Rosetta* is one to rent.

WHCL Top Ten List

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Mitchell returns to Hill as new Dean of Students

by Amy Kopriva'02
Features Editor

Emphasizing the importance of student accountability and community-wide mutual respect, northern New York native Florence "Flossie" Mitchell returns to serve as the new Dean of Students. According to Mitchell, "It was the right time for me to return to Hamilton." Mitchell, who served as Associate Dean of Students from 1978-81, cites the Residential Life decision of 1995 and the removal of distribution requirements last spring as the most significant changes since her previous work on the Hill.

"This is not the same campus now as when I was here before. I am fortunate to have my previous experience as a backdrop. The current student life staff is in very good shape, so my work will be to continue to improve upon the strengths of what's already here," said Mitchell.

The Dean of Students position became available after Janis L. Coates retired in 1999 after 10 years and Nancy Thompson, who served as the acting dean during the 1999-2000 academic year, decided to return to her position as Senior Associate Dean of Students.

Mitchell enjoys bicycling, hiking, and music, and is an enthusiastic backyard sports participant with her eight-year-old son, Derik. Hamilton selected Mitchell after hiring the Diversified Search firm of Philadelphia to conduct a candidate search. According to Mitchell, the qualifications for candidates included, "somebody who understands our type of student body, and who will be a leader of the student life area, as well as an advocate and spokesperson for students both within the administration and the board of trustees,"

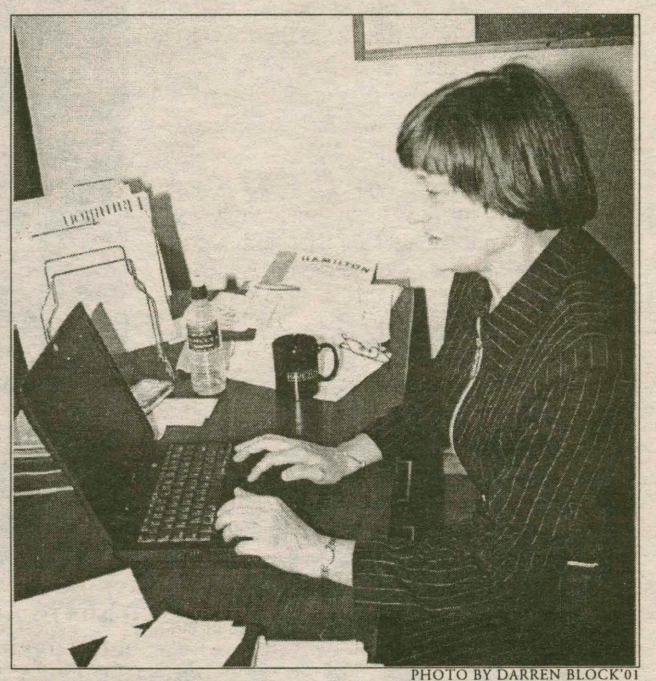
She said, "I decided to toss my hat into the ring last spring because I felt that I might fit the bill." Mitchell's impressive student life credentials include associate dean of students at Grinnell College and SUNY Morrisville and dean of students at Colgate University and Westminster Choir College in New Jersey.

Not surprisingly, Mitchell supports the controversial Residential Life and curricular reform decisions and believes that they signify Hamilton's continuing commitment to emphasizing student responsibility, independence and respect. During her time away from campus, Mitchell explained that she " was very aware" of the progress of the residential life decision, and said that, " I have a tremendous amount of respect and admiration for this solid decision. It was made despite pressures or concerns from various constituencies about keeping Greek life intact. It was a tough decision, but important steps were taken to do what is in the best interest of the students." She defended her opinion, saying that residential Greek life "set the stage for a divided community."

Despite her avid support for the Residential Life Decision, Mitchell also declared her strong belief in "a student's right to affiliate." Mitchell's statement discounts any community suspicions that in the future Hamilton administration plans to entirely eliminate Greek life. For some community members, suspicion arose that Hamilton might jump on the recent bandwagon of small liberal arts schools that first banned residential Greek life and later eliminated it entirely. However, Mitchell discounted the validity of these suspicions in saying, "There is no conversation whatsoever, these issues are not even on the table."

Mitchell is also extremely supportive of the recent curricular reform decision. Although she admitted, "not all faculty members embraced the decision," she also commented, "my hope is that this decision will put more focus on the student and academic advisor relationship."

Dissenters to the policy change worry that it will discourage students from selecting courses outside of their academic comfort zone. In order to prevent this possibility from happening when students select their courses, Mitchell commented, "I am interested to see if there are ways that we can involve upper-class students in guiding first-years." She said that the positive consequences of the residential life decision and the curricular reform are that "our focus on communication can flourish. That is one of the hallmarks of the liberal arts education."



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Already settling into her new office, Florence Mitchell plans to redecorate to create a welcoming work environment.

Mitchell commented that she has chosen to work as an administrative figure at small colleges because she "likes to know whom I am working with and for." In keeping with the speech delivered by Mr. D'Alessandro last Parents Weekend about the value of a liberal arts education, Mitchell commented that, "Our job is to prepare students to learn how to think, reason, argue, communicate, and establish problem-solving skills." Despite public criticism that calls into question the real life applicability of a liberal arts education, Mitchell stressed the importance of students' development of problem-solving skills and assertive critical thinking while here because of their real life applicability. She cited the example that the skill students use to negotiate dorm quiet hours could be applied to negotiating rent policies with a landlord after graduation.

She said, " It is important to me that we have students taking as much responsibility for themselves as possible. We are a community, and we need to act that way."

Faculty and staff receive equal dependent tuition benefit

by W.J. Gormley '01
Editor-at-large

Hamilton College has a long-standing tradition (stretching back to 1948) of offering a free or reduced cost education to dependant children of faculty and administration, at Hamilton or at another institution. Staff, maintenance and operations personnel have had different arrangements over the years where their children received a free education at Hamilton, but did not have assistance to attend other institutions of higher education. At the most recent board of trustees meeting, a uniform policy of tuition benefit was adopted for all employees of the College whether they be maintenance, secretaries, deans or president. This new benefit for all new hires after June 3, 2000 gives a benefit of 50% tuition at any institution a dependant child attends, but not to exceed 50% of Hamilton tuition.

There are two significant differences between the old and new policy. The first is that all new employees children receive a Hamilton education for half price, not for free. The second is that all staff, new and old receive the ability to apply the tuition benefit to other institutions. Under the new benefit system those employees of the college who are eligible to receive a full Hamilton tuition benefit are grandfathered in; that is they get to keep their current full tuition benefit. This move was done for the most part in order to bring equity into a system that, in the opinion of some, had long been discriminatory towards some staff members. The administration in concert with the board of trustees changed the tuition benefit in part because the old policy was in direct contradiction of the sense of community at Hamilton. The crux of the problem stemmed from a different benefit regarding dependant children attending outside institutions. Under the old system, which took effect in 1991, all faculty and administration received up to 50% of the cost of attending Hamilton for use at another institution, whereas staff received no benefit outside of Hamilton.

The old system was becoming very costly and something needed to be done before any benefit at all would become cost prohibitive to the college.

In 1948 the first tuition benefit plan came into effect on the Hill, according to research done by Sarah Steele, director of personnel. It applied to the sons of all tenured faculty at the college and stated that those sons would receive a 50% discount on tuition here. In 1950 the plan was changed to encompass the sons of all faculty and administration and was increased to full tuition minus room and board. By 1968, the plan expanded to all dependant children of college employees. For faculty and administration there was no required time of service; for staff, maintenance and operations personnel it required seven years of service before they were eligible for the benefit.

Also in 1968 the tenured faculty and senior staff gained a benefit which the rest of the employees did not. Their children were provided with a grant equivalent of $750 for study at another institution. By 1983 this benefit had grown to a grant of up to one half Hamilton tuition for all faculty and administrators with no requirement for investiture.

In 1991, the benefit of a free Hamilton tuition to children of employees was changed again to require that all employees have three years of service to the college before their children could receive the benefit. While on the surface it seems that this was a move to make benefits equal across the board, some staff felt that there was another more practical motive.

In a letter to the editor of the Spectator in April of 1991, a staff member, whose name was withheld upon request, quoted the minutes of a faculty meeting which stated, "Currently, no waiting period exists for faculty who wish to take advantage of the benefit, while staff must wait seven years after initial employment. This requires that the faculty benefit be taxed. To avoid the latter, all employees will now have an equal three year waiting period." The author of the letter to the editor went on to suggest that this, a tax benefit for the most highly paid faculty was the reason for the change, not a burgeoning sense of equality.

The letter to the editor closed, "The bottom line is don't we have the right to make a better life for our children, to give them choices 'equally' as do the faculty and administrators? If the answer is no, and Hamilton cannot afford to include the staff in this benefit [a tuition grant to schools other than Hamilton], perhaps it is too expensive to continue offering to the faculty and administrators-which is the only alternative to true 'equalization' because as the benefit stands now, it reeks of discrimination."

In the newly adopted policy, staff members feel that the discrimination has ended. According to a staff member who served on the staff committee advocating this change, there was a sense of great satisfaction among the staff that there was true equality among all employees. Professor Jon Vaughan, chair of the psychology department, and a member of the committee that advised Vice President Dan O'Leary on the proposed change said, "it is important for an institution that believes in education to foster it."

One of the side issues in granting the benefits whether the reduction in benefits to new faculty would effect the ability to hire and retain new faculty once they were hired. David Paris, dean of faculty, responded to this issue saying, "I don't see it as any impediment to our recruiting." According to Paris, new faculty is recruited through circulars that are distributed by professional organizations and that neither salary nor benefits package are included in these job descriptions. In addition, Hamilton's old benefit package, when viewed against plans at other comparable institutions was both generous and relatively unequal.

According to Jeffrey Pliskin associate professor of economics and a member of the Vice Presidents' advisory committee, "Going from a very generous benefit to a mildly generous benefit is not going to hinder our ability to recruit or retain good faculty, if we are willing to pay a competitive salary."

Another side issue is that under the 1986 revised federal tax code the unequal outside tuition benefit was taxable for those faculty and administrators who make over $80,000 a year. However according to various sources this was not a serious consideration in the decision.

Steele reported that "to date 22 dependents of staff and maintenance employees have been able to take advantage of this change." Furthermore, she stated that dependant spouses of all employees, new or old, could attend Hamilton at no cost and with no restrictions on length of investiture.

Nebraska Travels to South Bend for Showdown with the Irish

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska and Notre Dame, two of college football's most storied programs, will pick up their rivalry where they left off over 50 years ago.

The Cornhuskers visit the Fighting Irish on Saturday in the first regular-season game between the schools since 1948.

There have been lots of big games and great players for both teams since their last meeting. And Nebraska (1-0) and Notre Dame (1-0) are ready to add to the rivalry's history.

"You can definitely feel it," Nebraska defensive tackle Loran Kaiser said. "Everybody's been talking about it since they scheduled the game.''

The game takes on extra meaning because the Huskers, who have won five national titles, are ranked No. 1 in the nation and are trying to make a dent in Notre Dame's 11 national championships.

Nebraska is also approaching the Irish's record of 42 consecutive winning seasons (1889-1932).

The Huskers are going for their 39th straight finish with a winning record.

"There's a big aura of tradition there, but we're going to bring our own aura of tradition as well,'' Cornhuskers wingback Bobby Newcombe said.

Nebraska-Notre Dame was a rivalry since its first game in 1915.

They split the first five games 2-2-1 before Notre Dame took a brief lead with a 7-0 win in 1921.

The Huskers avenged that loss by becoming the only team to beat the Irish from 1922-24, when the "Four Horsemen" led Notre Dame to a 27-2-1 record.

But after 11 straight seasons, the series came to a halt after the 1925 meeting and didn't resume until a home-and-home series in 1947 and '48. The teams didn't meet again until the 1973 Orange Bowl.

The rivalry was revived on a golf course shortly after Bill Byrne took over as Nebraska's athletics director in 1992. Byrne and former Notre Dame AD Dick Rosenthal were playing golf when they talked about playing a couple of games, Byrne said. They agreed and this game has been scheduled since 1993.

"I have not seen a regular-season game with quite so much interest," Byrne said. "This is everything I expected it to be.''

And a very long time coming. None of the players on either roster had been born before the last meeting, a 40-6 Nebraska win.

"Just because of all the tradition and history behind them doesn't mean we have to look at them any differently,'' Nebraska running back Correll Buckhalter said.

The history of Nebraska football is much more fresh in the minds of the Huskers players. The seniors on this year's team were freshmen on Nebraska's 1997 championship team. But they were in elementary school the last time Notre Dame won the national title in 1988.

The great Notre Dame players might also be a bit fuzzy for the Huskers.

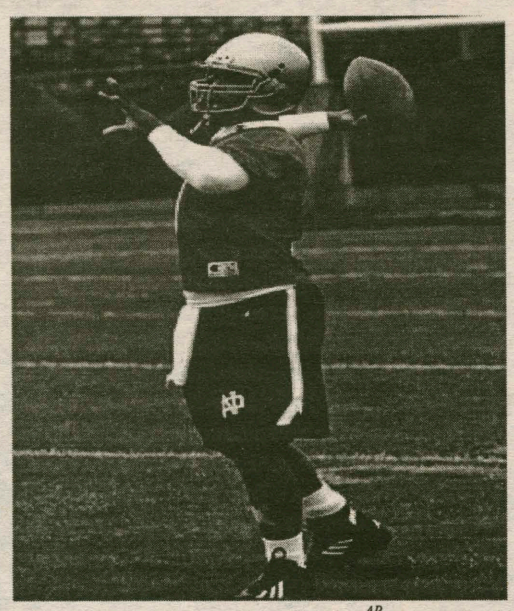
They may know of Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana, but only for his days with the San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs - not for leading the Irish past unbeaten Texas in the 1978 Cotton Bowl.

Heisman Trophy winners Leon Hart and Johnny Lujak?

The Gipper?

The names are familiar, but the stories behind them aren't.

"Honestly, I don't know if a lot of guys know what their tradition is," Cornhuskers guard Russ Hochstein said. "The only one I know is the Rudy one. And that was because that was a movie."



AP

Irish QB Arnaz Battle prepares for battle against Nebraska.

However, don't be fooled - the Huskers still have plenty of respect for Notre Dame and its place in college football history. But Nebraska has won a few games, too.

Since Notre Dame's last national title, the Huskers have won three - 1994, '95 and '97, when they split it with Michigan.

It's been several years since the Irish have even contended.

Notre Dame, coming off a 5-7 finish last season, opened this season with a 24-10 victory over Texas A&M, which the Huskers say has the Irish very confident heading into Saturday's game.

There's also the fact that the last two then-No. 1 teams - 1988 Miami and '93 Florida State - to come into Notre Dame Stadium have lost.

"We have a pretty good tradition over here for producing great players and great offensive linemen at Notre Dame,'' Irish guard Mike Gandy said. "We're looking forward to playing against good people and looking forward to seeing what kind of guys they've got.''

The game should prove to be one for the ages. It is unknown whether either team will believe the game is an important one because they have not played for almost fifty years.

Nebraska has played well and continues to be a leading contended for yet another NCAA Title.

The Irish are simply hoping to improve on their past success. They have struggled in recent years and are no longer the powerhouse that made Notre Dame become a household name to college football fans across the country.

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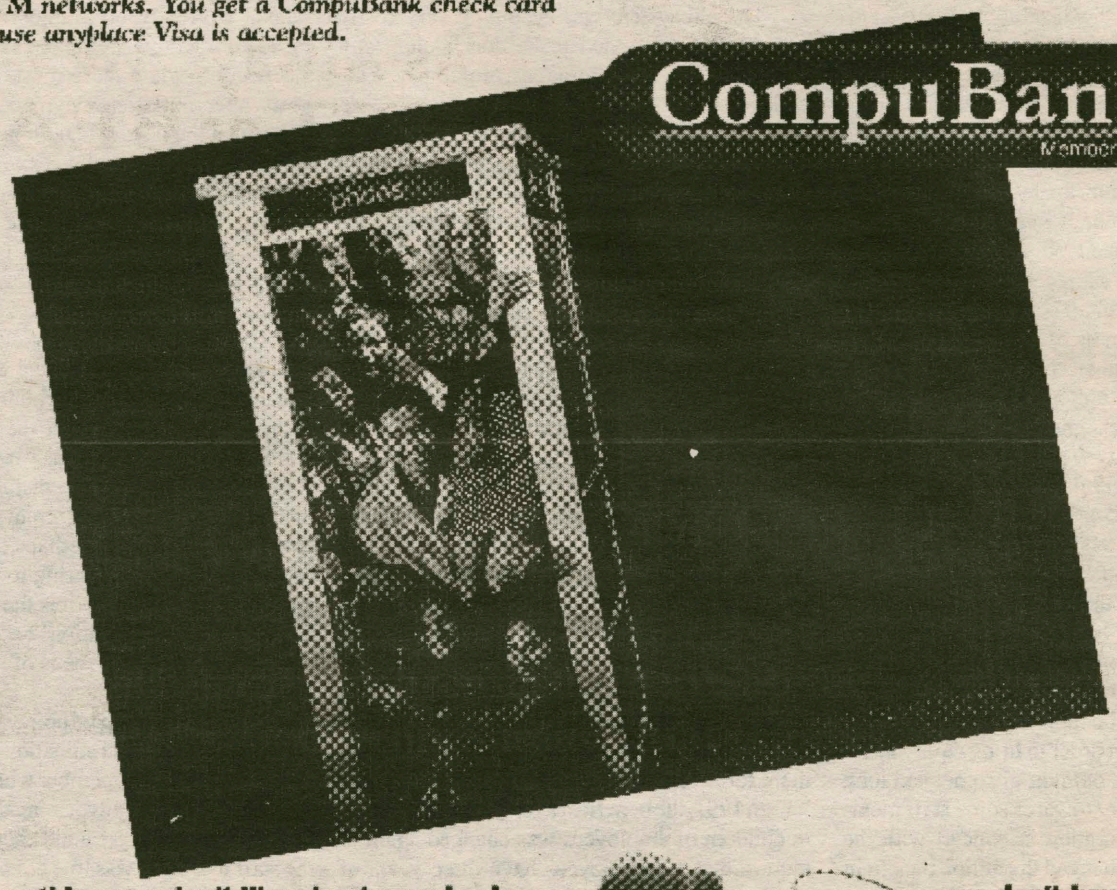

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Cross Country Teams Look to Run Away From Union

By Michael Everhart '02
Sports Writer

The only thing more difficult than finishing seventh in the NCAA Championships in 1999 is doing it again the next year. This is what the eighth ranked 2000 women's cross-country team will try to do.

Absent from the team this season are Maggie Hanson '02, Lesley Vars '00, Sara Roitman '03, and Sarah Lichtenstein '02, who were the numbers one, two, five and seven runners, respectively, from last season.

Although they will be hard to replace, a strong group of new runners joins All-American Annie Toth '02, Jen Cammarano '03, and co-captain Emily Hill '01, the numbers two, three and four runners from last season.

Head coach Ellen Hull said about this season, "Although we're missing some important runners from last year, this team has a lot of potential with the returning runners and a solid group of newcomers," including Kate Nelson '01, and freshmen Christine Campbell, Alyson Grant, and Lauren Perkins. Because of how well the team performed at NCAA's, more teams from Hamilton's region will have a chance to get to go to NCAA's this season.

Toth said, "Although it will be tough without Maggie [Hanson], I think our chances of going to NCAA's again are good."

Co-captain Elizabeth Guancial (yr?) added, "I'm really excited about the season, and am impressed with all the enthusiasm people have."

The team's first meet is this Saturday at home against Union College, which is usually a weak team. The team's first real test should be in two weeks at RPI, which has improved since last season.

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Because the men's cross-country team did not lose any runners to graduation, the team has high expectation and looks to improve on last season's strong performances. Some of the top runners from last season were seniors Sam Brown and Scott Taylor, and juniors Mac Weiss and John Damaske.

Steve Guditus '01 said, " I think, more so than any of my four years here that our men's cross-country team looks the most prepared I have ever seen it. Everyone did their homework this summer, running a lot, much more consistently than in the past. In addition, our front-runners are further up, and our top pack is tighter than ever, which will make tremendous difference, especially when it comes down to championship meets.

"I have all the confidence in the world in the ability of these guys to pull everything together this season."

With a strong pack of top runners it will not be clear until this weekend's meet against Union who is the number one runner. As with the women, the Union meet this weekend should not be particularly difficult. The team will not be tested until future weekends at races like the Williams Invitational.

Coach Brett Hull added, "I'm impressed with the new runners and think that they will make significant impacts on the team. This team has a lot of potential."

Both the men's and women's cross country teams will begin their meets against Union on Saturday at 1:00.

Rangers' Sheldon Plays Nine Positions in One Game

CHICAGO (AP) — Scott Sheldon couldn't believe it when he saw Texas Rangers catcher Randy Knorr shake his head, signaling Sheldon to pretend he was brushing off a sign.

What was Knorr thinking? They didn't have any signs. Heck, Sheldon barely had any pitches! He's a utility infielder. The closest he'd ever gotten to pitching before was an inning or two in the annual University of Houston alumni game.

So Sheldon just threw the ball, his almost-slow-motion changeup good enough for a strikeout. Then he moved to third base — and into baseball's record books.

Sheldon, who'd played only nine games in the majors before this season, became the third player in baseball history to play all nine positions Wednesday night. It was the only highlight for the Rangers in a 13-1 drubbing by the Chicago White Sox.

"I had a blast," Sheldon said. ``It went by so fast, but there are so many memories I'll take from this."

Bert Campaneris (Sept. 8, 1965) and Cesar Tovar (Sept. 22, 1968) are baseball's only other true utility players.

Frank Thomas hit his AL-leading 41st home run, tying his career high. Magglio Ordonez also homered as the White Sox scored seven runs in the first inning, sending Rick Helling (14-11) to the shortest start of his career.

``After it got to be 10-1 ... I thought it was the perfect night to do it," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

``It" was Sheldon playing all nine spots and giving new meaning to the term ``utility player."

After playing eight positions in a spring training game — Sheldon didn't pitch — Oates decided he was going to give Sheldon a shot at the real thing during the regular season. He'd played every position in the infield at some point this season, and Oates thought next week's homestand might be a good time to go for all nine.

Instead, he called Sheldon over in the third inning and told him to go for it.

``He deserves it," Oates said. ``For a guy that doesn't have a lot of major league service, he can say how many thousands of men have played professional baseball and only three have done it?

``It's something to be proud of."

Sheldon entered the game at catcher in the fourth, and moved to first base in the fifth. His quest picked up speed in the sixth, when he played second and shortstop. He played right and center field in the seventh.

He began the eighth inning in left field, and then went to the mound after the first out.

``I was ready to face their lefty. I went back and put the weight donut on the bat, turned around and Sheldon's out there," pinch-hitter Jeff Liefer said. ``I said, `Oh, man, I can only lose here, there's nothing to gain.'

``We were aware he was moving, but it never crossed my mind he would pitch."

He did, and quite adequately, too. Of the five pitches he threw, three were strikes. He got Liefer to strike out swinging on a changeup that was clocked at a blistering 67 mph.

``Did we get an out? Thank you," Sheldon said, smiling, when someone made fun of his pitching. ``I wasn't trying to throw hard. I was just trying to throw strikes and get out of there."

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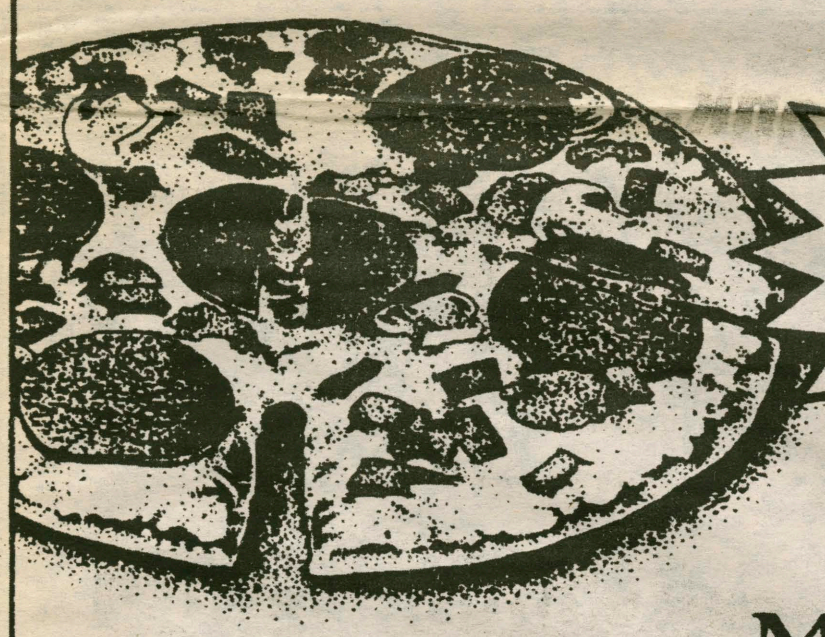

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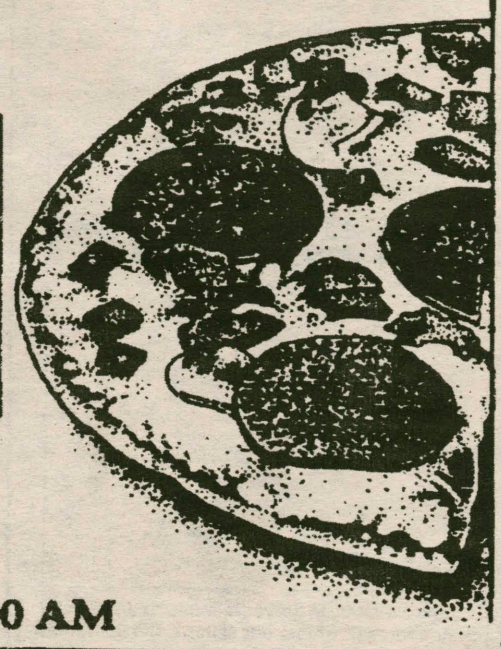

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Free Agency: The Decline of Modern Sports

Back in the late 70's, Curt Flood sued Major League Baseball to become a free agent. The length of his contract with the St. Louis Cardinals had come to an end, and he did not want to re-sign with them.

Fast forward to the year 2000. The era of free agency has reached its climax. Phrases like loyalty, team pride, and giving oneself up for the team have become sports terms flushed from existence. Free agency has not only caused players to become overpaid, but many of today's player play for one thing: the almighty buck.

BRETT ZALASKI '03

The Point After

How have sports diminished as such? I remember back in the day when I collected baseball cards, how I longed to see a Yankee among the pack that I opened. My best friend, a Reds fan, would make ludicrous trades to me, like offering me his Wade Boggs rookie card for a Dave Concepcion card, just because he loved the Reds.

This past summer I worked at a summer camp in Connecticut. I was the counselor for 5th graders, and all my campers were concerned with were Pokemon cards and Star Wars cards. This bothered me greatly. Not once during the entire summer did one kid pull out a baseball card. How have sports fallen beneath fat yellow balls of goo who shoot lightning bolts and have the name Pikachu?

The answer to that question is easy. Free agency has killed sports. In the 1920's, even mostly during the 1980's, players did not change teams. Major changes like those of Reggie Jackson and Goose Gossage were met by much media criticism. It was considered wrong and immoral.

Today? Players change teams as often as a beer can is cracked open on the Hill. Kids today have no one to consistently root for, no one who they know will always remain with their favorite team.

For instance, let's say we have a young basketball fan growing up in Charlotte during the early to mid 90's. He idolizes local hero Glen Rice. Rice did work in the community, and was a superstar on the court. Then, his hero is traded to the $%^& Lakers, and all of a sudden is labeled a complainer because Kobe and Shaq shoot incessantly. Glen Rice will be an all-star no matter where he ends up, just not in LA. But who does this kid root for now?

The most famous man in sports today is a golfer. A Golfer! Does that not seem right to anyone else? I love golf, I play golf, but in my generation heroes were not made by unendingly sticking little white balls to within three feet of the flagstick. This is nothing against Tiger Woods.

Tiger Woods has become the next Michael Jordan whether you like it or not. He is doing wonderful things for the golf world, and the sports world, but Tiger is not a member of a team. He does not create for other players, he does not make the people around him better, he does not ground out to second with a runner on second to move him to third.

Tiger Woods is certainly someone to admire, but he plays for himself. He has no one else to play for, and that is not what sports are about. Sports are about being a part of something, but that something has vanished due to the greediness of the players, brought about by free agency.

This will not be my first column of complaint, but there will be others that will be written on a brighter note as I am, and always will be, a sports fan. In the near future though, there is going to be a make or break moment for all sports.

With Major League Baseball and the NBA currently engaged in ugly labor disputes, and the NFL having continuous problems with player holdouts and contract disputes, the sports world definitely needs something, anything, that could potentially alter it from its current direction guided by greed and corruption.

When this moment comes, I hope the sports world will remember all that it has put its fans through, and makes an agreement based on what is best for the people.

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- Coverage of the first week of fall sports
- Brett Zalaski examines various major league ballparks in "The Point After"
- Football Preview

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NFL				
Green Bay at Buffalo 9/10	Packers	Packers	Bills	Bills
Kansas City at Tennessee 9/10	Titans	Titans	Titans	Titans
Miami at Minnesota 9/10	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Vikings
Oakland at Indianapolis 9/10	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts
NY Giants at Philadelphia 9/10	Giants	Eagles	Eagles	Giants
Washington at Detroit 9/10	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins
St Louis at Seattle 9/10	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams
New England at NY Jets 9/11	Jets	Patriots	Jets	Patriots
Baseball				
NY Yankees at Boston 9/10	Yankees	Yankees	Red Sox	Red Sox
Chi White Sox at Cleveland 9/10	Indians	White Sox	Indians	Indians
Philadelphia at NY Mets 9/10	Mets	Phillies	Mets	Mets
Detroit at Toronto 9/10	Blue Jays	Tigers	Tigers	Blue Jays

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AFC Central	Jaguars	Ravens	Titans	Titans	Ravens
AFC West	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Chiefs
AFC Wild Cards	Dolphins, Jets, Titans	Bills, Jaguars, Titans	Colts, Jaguars, Raiders	Bills, Chiefs, Ravens	Bills, Jaguars, Titans
NFC East	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins
NFC Central	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs
NFC West	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams
NFC Wild Cards	'Boys, Giants, Panthers	Eagles, Giants, Panthers	Giants, Panthers, Vikings	Bears, Panthers, Giants	Bears, Eagles, Panthers
AFC Championship Game	Dolphins vs Jaguars	Colts vs Ravens	Bills vs Titans	Bills vs Colts	Colts vs Ravens
NFC Championship Game	Bucs vs Rams	Bucs vs Redskins	Bucs vs Rams	Redskins vs Rams	Bucs vs Rams
AFC Champions	Dolphins	Colts	Titans	Colts	Colts
NFC Champions	Bucs	Redskins	Bucs	Rams	Rams
Super Bowl Champions	Dolphins	Colts	Bucs	Rams	Colts

Women's Tennis Destroys Lemoyne, 9-0

By Elizabeth Crispino '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton women's tennis team started their season off with a bang on Tuesday, destroying LeMoyne, 9-0.

This season, new coach Jamie King is at the helm of this young, yet incredibly talented team, taking over for his predecessor, Bill Austin. Coach King has only had the team practicing for a week, but if Tuesday's match was any indication, Hamilton will be a force to be reckoned with in the UCAA.

This young team is lead by senior captain Eileen Wildman, who is in her fourth year of playing for the Continentals. With strong shots, excellent fitness and determination, Wildman currently occupies the number one spot on the team.

Close behind her at number two is Lindsay Schantz '03, who is a consistent player and teams up with Wildman for doubles play.

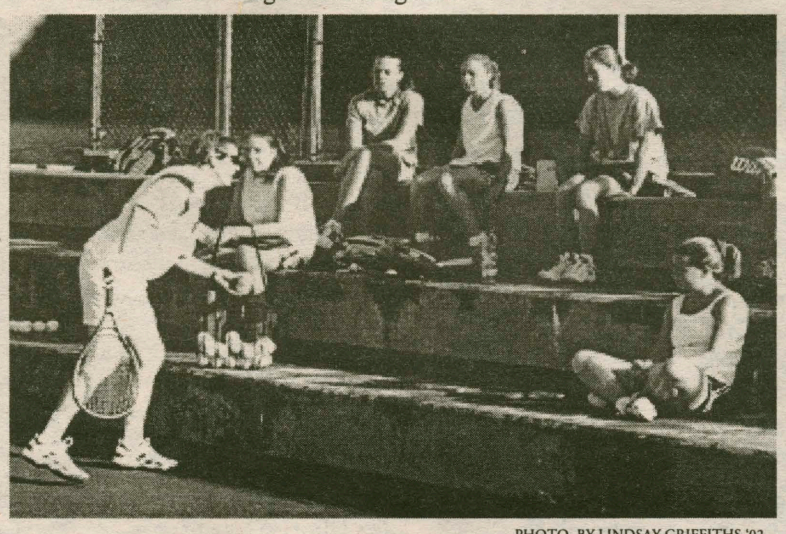
Numbers three and four are also sophomore superstars, Ginger Pearson and Jen Lynch. Lizzie Fazio '04 is the lone freshman on this young team, playing currently at number five and teaming up with Sarah Taylor '03 for the number three doubles team. Taylor rounds out the team at the number six spot.

Tuesday, the team went into the match confident that they would win, but not expecting the blowout that they achieved several hours later.

As Coach King said, "We had only been practicing for a week, but we knew that LeMoyne was not a strong team. We expected a victory, but not a shutout."

Doubles play came first on the schedule on this brisk fall afternoon. The number one doubles team of Wildman and Schantz battled against LeMoyne's Lehven and Holbrook for an 8-5 victory. Pearson and Lynch quickly disposed of Fitch and Gay, 8-0; and at the number three doubles spot, Fazio and Taylor dominated Case and Brady, 8-4.

The singles matches proved to be the key to the Continentals' shutout, with all but one player defeating their opponent in straight sets. Wildman had a tough first set against Lehven at number one, but was able to settle down and take the match 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.



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New Hamilton tennis coach Jamie King discusses strategy with his young team.

At number two, Lindsay Schantz had a relatively easy two-setter against Holbrook of LeMoyne, winning 6-4, 6-0.

Meanwhile, Pearson blew out LeMoyne's Gay, 6-0, 6-0; number four Lynch also dominated her match against Case, 6-2, 6-1. Fazio had an impressive start to her Hamilton career, topping Elson 6-2, 6-0. And finally, closing out the matches was Taylor, who dismissed Milczarski 6-0, 6-0.

The team started off their season with an easy victory, but looks ahead to tough matches.

Coach King claims, "This match was a good first match. (The players) could work on their games and were not worried about the competition too much. However, that will not be the case all season. We are looking at tough matches against Skidmore and Rochester, as well as our tournaments later on in the season. We have the ITA Championships (formerly the Rolex Championships), the UCAAs, and the New York States."

Women's tennis still plays a UCAA league schedule, which they will be fazed out of in the next two years, when they will play a full NESCAC schedule.

Coach King commented, "We have a young team, with our only senior being Eileen, but they have a lot of spirit, and we have solid talent filling up the roster. With hard work and determination, we can certainly look forward to a stellar season. This match against LeMoyne definitely pushed us off to a good start."

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Men's Soccer Prepares to Battle Tough Early Schedule, Inexperience

By Andy Horner '03
Associate Sports Editor

As fall swiftly approaches, so too does the season for the Hamilton men's soccer team. The Continentals, led once again by Coach Perry Nizzi, will seek to improve upon last season, in which their youth and inexperience caused early season struggles. However, by the time the season was over, they had gelled into a formidable squad that was capable of playing competitive soccer with the top ranked Division III schools in the country.

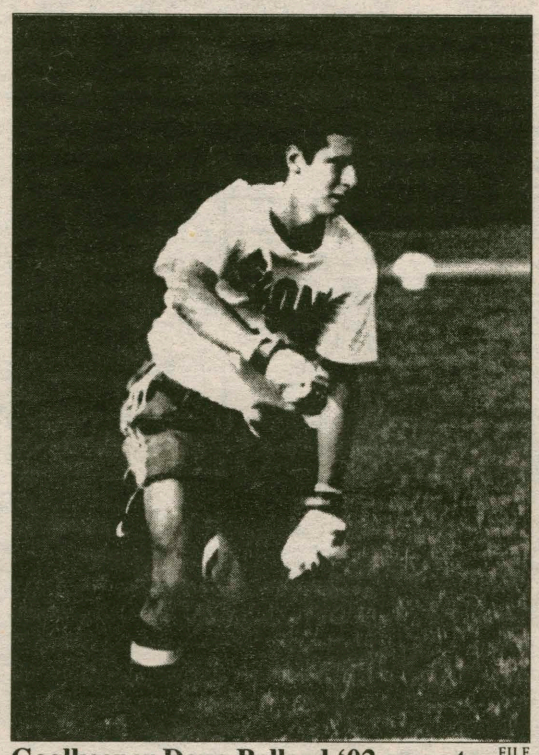
Despite losing key contributors to graduation, the team remains loaded with talent. Captains Chris Steed '01 and Dave Bugliari '01 will seek to lead a team that will, once again, have a youthful group of talented players.

The inexperience that was a factor last year may once again play a role, as the men's soccer program continues to build itself upon the excellent recruiting skills of the coaching staff, which includes Mike Fornino and Donny Dutcher.

After starting three freshmen and four sophomores last year, the team will likely start two or three freshmen and four sophomores again this season. These players, especially the freshmen, will need time to gain the experience that is so valuable in college sports.

With only one week of team practice (regulated by NESCAC) before the season starts, the freshmen have not had a great deal of time to adjust to Coach Nizzi's system or to become familiar with the team's style of play. Much of the necessary learning will be done as the season progresses, which can be costly when victories are needed.

Making their task all the more difficult,



FILE

Goalkeeper Doug Bellard '02 races to stop a ball shot towards his goal.

the team's schedule to begin the season is once again daunting. With the home opener this Saturday against 14th-ranked Middlebury, the Continentals once again face a powerhouse in their first game.

Continuing the difficult early season home stand, Hamilton faces Clarkson next Friday, September 15. Finally, the very next day, the men must square off against the top ranked Division III team in the country, St. Lawrence University.

"This stretch," says Coach Nizzi, "makes it very difficult for our young team to establish momentum early in the season."

However, the team has six weapons that could cancel out the problem of youthful inexperience. These come in the form of the three seniors and three juniors, who Coach Nizzi calls, "the strongest group of seniors and juniors that we've had since I've been here."

Joining Steed and Bugliari in this core group are Andrew Paine '01, Nick Wilson '02, Ernest Kwarteng '02, and goalkeeper Doug Bellard '02. These experienced players will provide the team with leadership, which will be especially important early in the season.

Hamilton has key returning players at each position this season, and a heavy load is bound to fall on them as well. At the forward position, joining Kwarteng in what may prove to be a deadly offensive tandem is Dimitry Maurice '03. Maurice had a breakthrough season his freshman year, and increasingly became marked by opposing teams as one of Hamilton's main scoring threats. Due to a serious injury to Kwarteng early last season, his playing time was somewhat limited, allowing teams to concentrate on containing Maurice. However, with both men healthy, the duo promises to be very difficult to contain.

At the midfield position, Hamilton will start three returning middies, including Steed, Wilson, and Mike Thompson '03. Steed and Wilson are both experienced players who excel at controlling the flow of the game. Thompson, though less experienced, uses his extraordinary speed to disrupt opposing players and to move the ball swiftly through the middle of the field.

Sweeper Huy Huynh '03 will once again anchor the Hamilton defense. Last season, as a freshman in a leadership position, Huynh excelled. The Continentals will once again count on him as the leader and last line of defense in the backfield.

Finally, Bellard returns for his second year as the Hamilton starter in goal. There will be extra pressure on him to perform this season, as his level of experience dictates that he must act as a steadying force in the net.

Indeed, Coach Nizzi stressed Bellard's importance to the success of the team, saying, "Every successful team starts with a very steady keeper. I think that Doug will certainly step up his level of play this season."

So as the team prepares for their season opener this weekend, they hope to become a cohesive unit as quickly as possible. The Continentals are confident, as is Coach Nizzi, that they will have success, and also will be exciting to watch.

The Continentals certainly have the talent and coaching to be an entertaining and competitive team. For now though, no one can be certain how this young team will respond to its difficult task in the coming weeks. However, it is safe to say that they will play hard and, in the process, give the Hamilton fans good reason to come out to their games.

Volleyball Showing Few Weaknesses as Season Approaches

By Chris Preston '03
Sports Editor

After watching her team endure an intense week of preseason practices, women's volleyball coach Susan Keller had already discovered something about her team that almost any coach would kill to discover in only a week's time: " We have no real weakness."

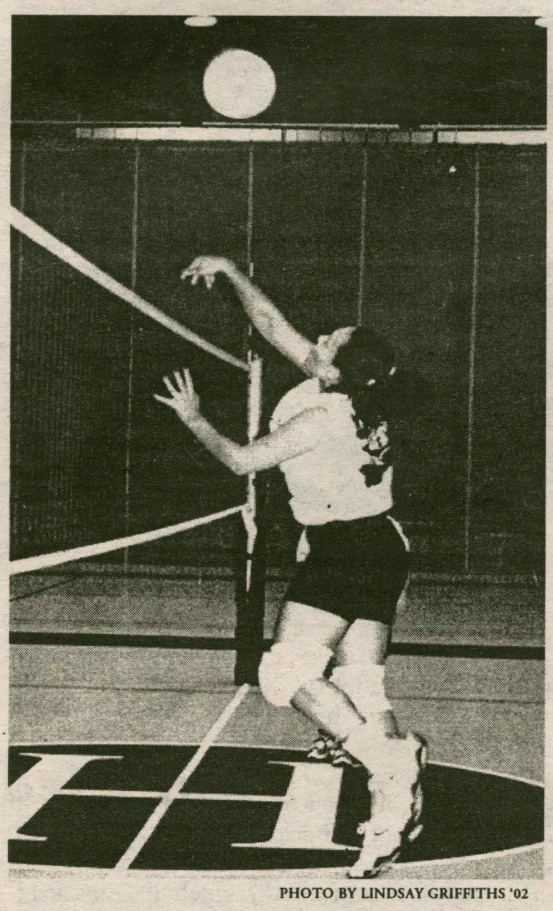
Tough to believe, isn't it? How could this be true of a team that finished the '99 season with a relatively mild record of 17-14 and which lost one of its best players to graduation? Have they really improved that much?

"Most definitely," Coach Keller quickly retorts. "(The players) haveworked very hard to come back and be ready for this season."

And it's not as if last season was a disaster, either. Out of their fourteen losses overall only one was to a UCAA team, a league in which the Continentals finished second in last year with a record of 6-1.

Also, despite being seeded tenth out of eleven teams at NESCAC's last year the Continentals had a nice run and finished seventh, perhaps setting the tone for this season of high expectations.

Among the many key players returning from last year's team include setter Korey O'Malley '01, who Coach Keller calls the "spirit behind the team," and Kate Clark '02,



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The volleyball team looks to fly high in 2000 beginning this month.

who last year finished 12th in Division 3 in hitting percentage, helping the Continentals finish 10th in the country as a team.

Also returning are outside hitter Barb Dalgish '02 and middle hitter Heather Onderick '01. The Continentals did lose star setter Sarah Tschampel to graduation, but she will be replaced by talented freshman Melissa Stoos.

Other newcomers include Darcy Crum '04, who at six feet tall is the team's tallest player, which will be important for the relatively short Continentals who had problems last year defending against the taller NESCAC teams.

Setters Sarah Seagall '04 and Kim Lantz '03 round out the list of newcomers. These additions should serve to add depth and young talent to an already deep and talented returning squad.

In adddition to depth and talent, you can add wisdom to the list of the team's strengths. Last year the team grade point average rose from a 87.15 to 89.91 during the course of the season, something Coach Keller calls the team's "most proud achievement." So much for outsmarting the Hamilton volleyball team.

With young talent, added depth, upperclass leadership, and smart players, Coach Keller's assessment of could indeed prove true. Perhaps there is no real weakness on this team, on the court or in the classroom.

Granted, game competition has a knack for exposing weaknesses more than friendly practices, but with the season just underway it would seem that the Continentals can only get better as the season progresses.

The newcomers have only had a few weeks worth of practices to get ready for the season, and the Continentals are just now beginning to gel as a team. Besides, if Coach Keller's observation is accurate, then come game time there may be no weakness for the Continentals' opponents to expose.

"It has been a great experience so far," Coach Keller concluded.

Hopefully, the team's "experience" will become even more enjoyable as the season gets underway and the wins begin to pile up. Their first game is today (Friday), as the Continentals play at Ithaca in a two-day, weekend tournament.

The volleyball team's first game, scheduled for Wednesday, September 6 against SUNY Utica/Rome, was postponed until October.

The season should be an exciting one and with a solid returning group of players, this team could be destined for greatness.